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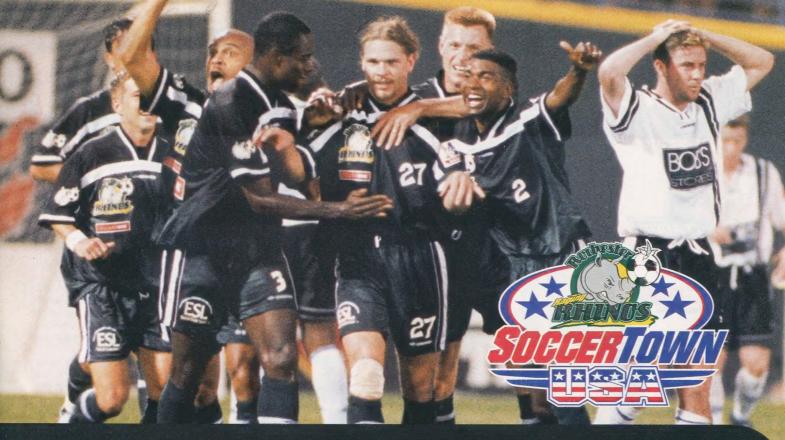
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From COMMISSIONER



"The Rhinos would have been one of the top draws in Major League Soccer in 1997, had they played in the MLS."

WHEN WE EMBARKED ON THIS GREAT EXPEDITION BACK IN 1986, WE NEVER COULD HAVE DREAMED THAT DUR LEAGUE WOULD BECOME ONE OF THE LARGEST SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. THOSE WERE HUMBLE DAYS WHEN DUR PRIMARY STRUGGLE WAS TO KEEP TEAMS AFLOAT FROM DAY TO DAY.

While we are still not without the challenges of teams whose goals are a bit beyond their reach, the USISL of 1998 is at the point where it can point to some very real accomplishments which in no small way project us solidly into the future of the sport in the United States.

OUR CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH U.S. SOCCER, MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GRANTING OF DIVISION II AND DIVISION III STATUS TO OUR LEAGUES, HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THERE TO BE ONE INTEGRATED SOCCER SYSTEM IN THE UNITED STATES. THE USISL SYSTEM HAS BECOME THE MUCH NEEDED FOUNDATION, WITHOUT WHICH THE OLD NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE WAS NOT ABLE TO CONTINUE.

OUR OFFICIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER HAS ESTABLISHED THE A-LEAGUE, THE DIVISION III PRO LEAGUE AND THE PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE AS THE RUNGS OF THE LADDER WHICH YOUNG PLAYERS MUST CLIMB ON THEIR WAY TO THE TOP PROFESSIONAL STATUS. THE STEADY INFLUX OF A-LEAGUE AND USISL STARS INTO MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER SHOW CLEARLY THAT THE PROVING GROUND FOR TODAY'S UPCOMING AMERICAN PLAYER IS WITH A-LEAGUE AND USISL TEAMS IN CITIES AND TOWNS ACROSS OUR LAND.

AND THIS YEAR, AN OFFICIAL MLS ROOKIE TEAM -- THE PRO 40 SELECT -- WILL PARTICIPATE FULLY IN OUR 1998 A-LEAGUE SCHEDULE, PLAYING ALL OF OUR TEAMS IN A SERIES OF ROAD GAMES. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT OUR DIVISION II LEAGUE CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE IN HELPING MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER GET MORE PLAYING TIME FOR ITS YOUNGER PLAYERS WHO ASPIRE TO MAKE IT TO THE TOP.

THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF THE WOMEN'S GAME HAS KEPT PAGE WITH THE GROWTH OF OUR OWN W-LEAGUE, STARTED THREE YEARS AGO WITH AN EYE TO THE FUTURE. THIS YEAR, MORE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAM PLAYER'S POOL WILL WEAR THE COLORS OF TEAMS IN THE W-LEAGUE, WHICH FEATURES THE VERY BEST OF WOMEN'S SOCCER - PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS, FORMER COLLEGIANS AND COLLEGIANS IN ITS UNIQUE, OPEN LEAGUE CONCEPT.

THE DUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF USISL, INC. TEAMS, BOTH ON AND OFF THE FIELD, HAVE TURNED MANY AN EYE TOWARD THE GRASS ROOTS PROPERTIES OF DUR SPORT. FOR EXAMPLE, SPORTSWRITERS, MARKETERS AND OBSERVERS OF DUR SPORT CAN SEE THAT IT ISN'T JUST WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE TOP THAT IS IMPORTANT. THERE MUST BE AN INFRASTRUCTURE TO KEEP EVERYTHING ON AN EVEN KEEL. THAT INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOW KNOWN AS THE USISL SYSTEM OF LEAGUES.

TAKE THE A-LEAGUE ROCHESTER RAGING RHINOS, FOR EXAMPLE. HERE IS A TEAM THAT SELLS OUT FRONTIER FIELD NIGHT IN AND NIGHT OUT. IT IS THE BIGGEST SHOW IN TOWN, DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT PLAYS IN THE SAME STADIUM AS TRIPLE-A BASEBALL. THE RHINOS WOULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE TOP DRAWS IN MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER IN 1997, HAD THEY PLAYED IN MLS.

THERE ARE OTHER SUCCESS STORIES WHERE A-LEAGUE AND USISL TEAMS ARE GOING HEAD-TO-HEAD WITH BASEBALL, AND WINNING THE BATTLE. SOCCER IS BECOMING A MAINSTREAM SPORT FOR FAMILIES, WHOSE CHILDREN CONTINUE TO TAKE TO THE SOCCER FIELD IN EVER-INCREASING NUMBERS. SOCCER, INDEED, HAS BECOME THE NEW NATIONAL PASTIME OF AMERICA'S YOUTH.

WHILE USISL, INC. PROVIDES THE MOST PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE USA FOR ADULTS WHO ASPIRE TO MAKE IT TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL, WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO OUR PART TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE FOR AMERICA'S YOUNGER PLAYERS. THE USISL'S Y-LEAGUE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AS A PILOT PROJECT FOR PLAYERS U-15 THROUGH U-20, WILL BECOME A REALITY IN 1999. IT WILL FULLY LINK THE USISL SYSTEM TOGETHER, PUTTING THE BEST YOUNG PLAYERS IN AMERICA ON A PLATFORM WHERE THEY CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS PROFESSIONAL /NATIONAL TEAM PROSPECTS.

AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THIS YEAR OF THE 1998 WORLD CUP, I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF OUR TEAM OWNERS, GENERAL MANAGERS, COACHES AND STAFF OF THE MORE THAN 140 USISL, INC. TEAMS AROUND THE NATION. YOU ARE TRULY WHAT SOCCER IS ABOUT IN THE UNITED STATES.

TO THE MORE THAN ONE MILLION FANS WHO WATCHED GAMES IN OUR LEAGUES LAST SEASON, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU RETURN IN INCREASING NUMBERS AS YOU SUPPORT THE A-LEAGUE / USISL TEAM IN YOUR TOWN.

AND TO THE U.S. SPORTS MEDIA WHO WILL BE FOLLOWING THE MORE THAN 1,500 GAMES WE PLAY THIS SUMMER, WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL, IN THE COURSE OF COVERING OUR GAMES, FIND A WEALTH OF STORIES THAT HELP TELL THE USISL STORY TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC.

BEST OF LUCK TO EVERYONE FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON IN 1998.

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IN THE QUEST TO BUILD A CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM, RHINOS GENERAL MANAGER CHRIS ECONOMIDES LOOKED AT WHERE HIS TEAM NEEDED TO IMPROVE, AND IT WAS CLEAR.

"OBVIOUSLY IN OUR FIRST TWO YEARS, PUTTING THE BALL IN THE BACK OF THE NET HASN'T BEEN A PROBLEM," SAID ECONOMIDES. "BUT IN THE LEAGUE STATS, WE'VE ALWAYS SUFFERED IN THE GOALS AGAINST CATEGORY. ONE OF OUR FIRST PRIORITIES WAS TO GET SOME STRENGTH AND EXPERIENCE BACK THERE." IN '97, ONLY TWO TEAMS BESTED ROCHESTER'S 56 GOALS IN THE 24 TEAM A-LEAGUE. WITH 47 GOALS AGAINST, 16 TEAMS IN THE LEAGUE ALLOWED FEWER GOALS THAN THE RHINDS.

THE SEARCH WAS ON. THE PRIORITY: IMPROVE THE DEFENSIVE UNIT.

SCHWEITZER: LEADER OF THE PACK

AT THE TOP OF ECONOMIDES WISH LIST WAS SWEEPER SCOTT SCHWEITZER.

"IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE," SAYS ECONOMIDES WHEN ASKED WHAT HE LIKED ABOUT SCHWEITZER. "HE'S
BEEN AN ALL-STAR THE LAST TWO YEARS. IT WASN'T LIKE WE WERE GETTING SOME UNKNOWN COMMODITY.

WATCHING HIM PLAY AGAINST US LAST YEAR, HE'S THE SORT OF GUY YOU CAN'T STAND WHEN HE'S PLAYING
AGAINST YOU, BUT THE KIND OF GUY THAT YOU LOVE WHEN HE'S ON YOUR TEAM."

THAT'S AN IMAGE SCHWEITZER IS TRYING TO SHE

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"IN THE PAST, IT WAS LIKE THAT," SAYS THE FORMER COLLEGIATE STAR AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE.

THIS YEAR, I'VE TONED IT DOWN A LOT. I MIGHT BE PLAYING WITH THE CROWD AND EVERYTHING, BUT AS FAR
AS THE HITTING AND RETALIATING FOR PLAYERS ON MY TEAM, I'VE TONED THAT DOWN THIS YEAR. I'VE BECOME
MORE MATURE."

STILL, SCHWEITZER DESCRIBES HIMSELF AS A FREE SPIRIT, AND HE DOES KEEP THE LOCKER ROOM LOOSE, DOING THINGS LIKE PLAYING RAP MUSIC BEFORE GAMES.

"He'S LIKE (ACTOR) JIM CARREY," SAYS MIDFIELDER YARI ALLNUTT. "SOME OF THE FACES HE MAKES, HE KEEPS EVERY ONE LAUGHING."

ALLNUTT WAS A TEAMMATE OF SCHWEITZER WITH CAROLINA LAST SEASON, THE A-LEAGUE RUNNER UP. RHINDS MIDFIELDER TOMMY TANNER AND FORMER RHIND HENRY GUTIERREZ WERE TEAMMATES OF SCOTT'S IN COLLEGE WITH THE WOLFPACK. WHILE THE FAMILIARITY IS THERE, IT'S REMARKABLE HOW THE DEFENSIVE UNIT HAS JELLED SO QUICKLY. LED BY SCHWEITZER, THE NEW RHINDS DEFENDERS ALSO INCLUDE CRAIG DEMMIN, MAURO DASILVA, AND TIM HARDY.

WHY THE SUCCESS SO FAST? "EVERYONE IS REALLY GOOD FRIENDS. YOU DON'T WANT TO LET YOUR FRIENDS DOWN," EXPLAINS SCHWEITZER, WHO WAS ONE OF FOUR RHINDS TO PLAY AT THIS YEAR'S A-LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME. "We're PLAYING SO WELL, READING EACH OTHER ON THE FIELD. CRAIG AND I, I THINK IT ONLY TOOK US ONE GAME. WE PRETTY MUCH CLICKED, IT WAS OBVIOUS. WE'RE BOTH FAST, SO WE THINK WE CAN CHALLENGE AND WIN THE BALL. WHEN YOU MISS, YOU'RE PRETTY SURE THE OTHER GUY IS GOING TO COME OVER AND CLEAN IT UP. WE HAVE NO FEAR TO PLAY."

ROCHESTER: ANOTHER HOME FOR DEMMIN

A NATIVE OF TRINIDAD, DEFENDER CRAIG DEMMIN NEVER IMAGINED THAT SOCCER WOULD TAKE HIM TO THE PLACES HE'S BEEN.

"NO, I DIDN'T. IN TRINIDAD, THE EARLY STAGES OF IT, WHAT REALLY HELPED ME WAS GETTING A SCHOLARSHIP TO THE US,"
RECALLS THE FIRST-YEAR RHIND DEFENDER. I WAS FINISHED WITH SCHOOL IN TRINIDAD, I WAS PLAYING, BUT I WASN'T DOING ANYTHING
ELSE. LIFE WAS AT A STAGNANT POINT."

DEMMIN ACCEPTED A SCHOLARSHIP TO BELHAVEN COLLEGE IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, WHERE HE BECAME A CELEBRITY. HE IS THE ONLY PLAYER IN BELHAVEN HISTORY TO HAVE HIS NUMBER RETIRED, AND HE WAS THE TEAM MVP OF THEIR 1992 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM. TODAY, DEMMIN IS STILL A RECOGNIZED FIGURE, BY YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE. HE COACHES YOUTH CLUBS IN JACKSON. HE'S BEEN INVITED BY FAMILIES TO THEIR COOKOUTS. JACKSON IS HOME TO DEMMIN.

On the field, Demmin is an imposing figure for any forward to negotiate. At 6'2', 185, speed is his best attribute. As far as being called a "physical" player, Demmin says that's not accurate.

I WOULDN'T SAY PHYSICAL. MAYBE I LOOK INTIMIDATING, BUT I WOULDN'T SAY I GO OUT TO TACKLE. I WOULD LIKE TO GO O AND SHOW THAT PHYSICAL PRESENCE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE GAME, MY SKILLS."

THIS IS DEMMIN'S FIRST FULL SEASON IN THE A-LEAGUE, HAVING SPENT THE PAST THREE YEARS AS CAPTAIN OF THE JACKSON CHARGERS (PREMIER DEVELOPMENT SOCCER LEAGUE). DEMMIN SAYS THIS IS THE BEST UNIT HE HAS EVER PLAYED ON.

"With Scott, Timmy, and Mauro, and Mali (Walton), personality mixes the chemistry we have. The personality spices up the meal, so to speak, of the defense."

By: Warren Kozireski

"The priority: improve the defensive unit."

FENDERS

DASILVA: EXCELLING IN HIS NEW WORLD

IF YOU HAVE EVER TAKEN A NEW JOB, YOU KNOW THE ANXIETY THAT COMES WITH IT. NOW IMAGINE YOU'RE IN A NEW COUNTRY, A NEW CULTURE WITH A NEW LANGUAGE, FAMILIARIZING YOURSELF WITH YOUR NEW TEAMMATES. AND OH YEAH, IMAGINE YOUR SPOUSE AND ONLY CHILD BEING A HEMISPHERE AWAY. NOW YOU CAN ONLY BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES THAT HAVE FACED FIRST YEAR DEFENDER MAURO DASILVA.

THE BRAZILIAN IS TAKING IT ONE DAY AT A TIME.

"IT'S TOUGH. I MISS MY WIFE. I HAVE FEELINGS FOR MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO SUPPORT ME. IT'S A BIG, TOUGH THING," SAYS MAURO, THROUGH INTERPRETER AND TEAMMATE YARI ALLNUTT. "THE MAJOR DIFFICULTY IS THE LANGUAGE. PLAYERS LIKE YARI ARE HELPING ME WITH THE LANGUAGE, SINCE WE BOTH SPEAK PORTUGUESE. I'M LEARNING A LOT. BEING AWAY FROM YOUR FAMILY MAKES YOU WORK THAT MUCH HARDER. I'M WORKING WITH THE TEAM, NOT JUST PLAYING, BUT TO LEARN." THE FRIENDSHIP WITH ALLNUTT EXTENDS ON THE FIELD. DURING A RECENT HOME VICTORY OVER TORONTO, IT WAS DASILVA'S CROSS THAT FED ALLNUTT, WHO HEADED IT HOME TO GIVE ROCHESTER A WIN.

"The key to defense is the unit," says DaSilva.
"We're organized from forward, to midfield, to defense.
The midfielders have been strong, counter-attacking from there. Most of our attacks have occurred from defensive counters."

MAURO'S WIFE ROSALI IS A FORWARD ON THE BRAZILIAN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL TEAM. MAURO IS LOOKING FORWARD TO JULY, WHEN SHE AND THEIR 7 YEAR-OLD SON FELIPE WILL ARRIVE IN ROCHESTER.

HARDY: STRENGTHENS UNIT

OUT OF SOCCER IN 97, TIM HARDY IS GLAD TO BE BACK PLAYING THE SPORT HE LOVES.

"THIS IS WHY I WANTED TO COME BACK," SAYS THE 60", 175LB. DEFENDER, IDENTIFIABLE TO FANS BY HIS DIRTY BLONDE PONYTAIL. "THE FANS, EVERYTHING HERE IN ROCHESTER IS TOP NOTCH."

HARDY PLAYED WITH THE RICHMOND KICKERS IN 96. IN 97, HE WORKED AS A WAITER. IN 98, HE WAS NAMED THE PLAYER OF THE GAME FOR THE RHINOS IN THEIR HOME OPENER.

HARDY IS A PHYSICAL PLAYER, NOT AFRAID OF TAKING A CHANCE. He's ALSO UNSELFISH.

"I THINK IT'S A TEAM EFFORT," SAYS HARDY ON THE FINE PLAY OF THE DEFENSE. "THE COACHES HAVE PUT IN A GOOD SYSTEM, AND THE PLAYERS, WE'VE DONE A GOOD JOB OF LEARNING IT."

HOW FAR CAN THIS RHINDS TEAM GO? SCHWEITZER S CONFIDENT.

"IF WE REALLY FOCUS AND STAY CONCENTRATED, I DON'T SEE A TEAM BEATING US, HONESTLY. RIGHT NOW, WE'RE SO FOCUSED ON NOT GIVING UP A GOAL, THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN LOSE. WE KNOW WE'RE GOING TO WIN, AND WE HAVEN'T PLAYED OUR BEST GAME YET."



SOME ADVICE FOR KIDS

CRAIG DEMMIN HAS A USSF D COACHING LICENSE, AND HE LOVES WORKING AND HELPING KIDS IMPROVE THEIR GAME. HIS ADVICE: DO IT YOURSELF.

"FOR US GROWING UP, WE DIDN'T RELY MUCH ON A COACH. WE WOULD GO IN THE BACK YARD, GO IN THE STREETS - ALTHOUGH I DON'T THINK YOU CAN GO IN THE STREETS HERE - AND JUST PLAY WITH THE BALL. LEARNING, LEARNING TO GET A FEEL FOR THE BALL, ANYTHING. JUGGLING THE BALL, HITTING IT AGAINST THE WALL, DOING THINGS WITH THE BALL LIKE THAT. IT REALLY HELPS IMPROVE YOUR TOUCHES. YOUR SKILLS WILL DEVELOP MORE."

"EVERYBODY EXPECTS A COACH TO BE THERE TO COACH YOU EVERY SINGLE DAY. BUT THE GAME IS ABOUT LEARNING A LOT ON YOUR OWN."

MAURO DASILVA SAYS THAT YOU CAN NEVER LEARN ENDUGH, IN SOCCER AND IN LIFE.

"FIRST STUDY TO BE A SMART PLAYER. STUDY EVERY-THING. PRACTICE AND PRACTICE, EVERY DAY, EVERY DAY. LEARN BY EXAMPLES THAT YOU SEE. WHEN I WAS A KID, THERE WERE PLAYERS I COPIED FROM MANY COUNTRIES."

LOOK OUT VAN GUNDY

LIKE ANY DIE-HARD KNICKS FAN, SCOTT SCHWEITZER COULDN'T STAND TO WATCH MICHAEL JORDAN WIN ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP.

"THAT'S WHY I WAS CHEERING FOR UTAH, CAN'T CHEER FOR MICHAEL."

A NATIVE OF RAHWAY, NJ, SCHWEITZER KNOWS THAT ROCHESTER IS HOME TO KNICKS COACH AND NAZARETH GRAD JEFF VAN GUNDY.

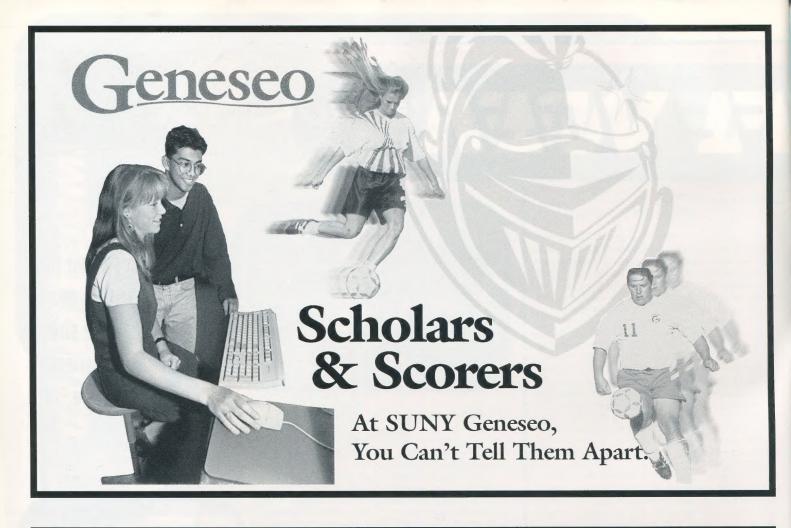
"IT WOULD BE NICE IF I RAN INTO HIM," SAYS SCHWEITZER, CRACKING A SMILE. "I WOULD TELL HIM WHAT I THOUGHT." $\,$



"One of our first priorities was to get some strength and experience back there."







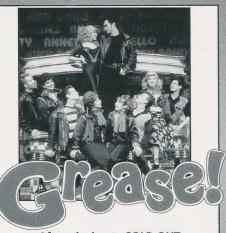
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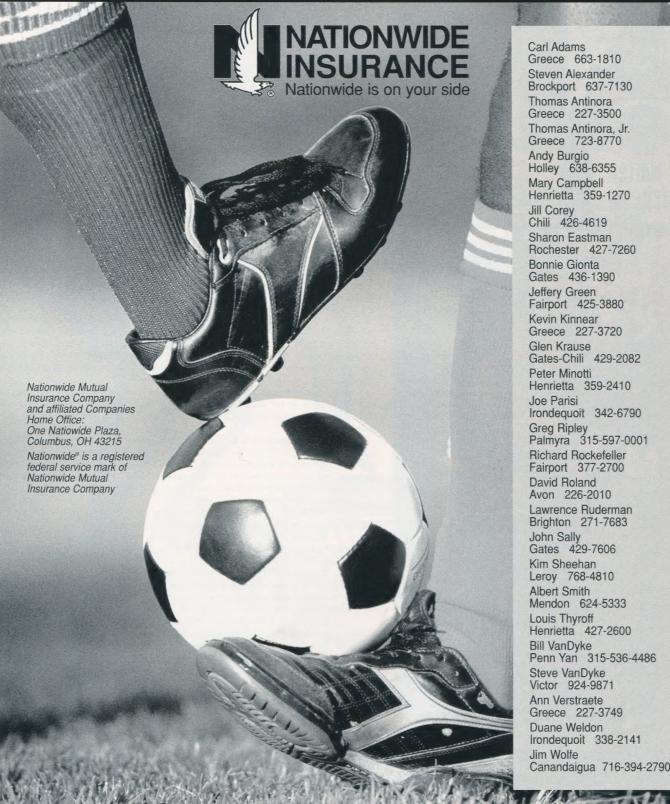
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RHINOS-VS- MLS



By: Warren Kozireski

THERE ARE SEVEN PLAYERS ON THE CURRENT ROCHESTER RAGING RHINDS ROSTER WHO REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 7, 1996 LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY. A CROWD OF 12,428 SCREAMING SOCCER FANS JAMMED INTO THREE-MONTH-OLD FRONTIER FIELD FOR THE SECOND ROUND OF THE 84-YEAR-OLD U.S. OPEN CUP TOURNAMENT FOR A RHINDS MATCH AGAINST THE TAMPA BAY MUTINY OF MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER.

ROCHESTER SOCCER FANS KNOW WHAT HAPPENED NEXT. IF YOU'VE EVER PLAYED ANY SPORT DURING YOUR CHILDHOOD, YOU WOULD RECOGNIZE THE FEELING AS THE FIRST TIME YOU FINALLY BEAT YOUR DAD OR YOUR OLDER BROTHER OR SISTER.

To the shock of the soccer world, the expansion Rhinds, outshot in the game 25-17, defeated the Mutiny 4-3 in double overtime on Chris Kennel's only goal of the season.

FOUR WEEKS LATER, THE MLS CAME TO FRONTIER FIELD AGAIN. THE COLORADO RAPIDS WERE FORCED TO FLY BACK HOME AFTER A 3-D LOSS IN FRONT OF 12,179 FANS AND THE RHINDS FOUND THEMSELVES IN THE FINAL GAME AGAINST THE MIGHTY D.C. UNITED. THE SCENE WAS SET FOR RFK STADIUM IN WASHINGTON D.C.

THE PLAYERS AND COACHING STAFF, MADE NO EXCUSES, BUT HISTORY HOLDS THAT MANY OF THE RHINDS PLAYERS HAD TO JOIN THEIR INDOOR TEAMS SO ROCHESTER COULDN'T PRACTICE WITH A FULL SQUAD. THE D.C. UNITED DOMINATED THE MATCH, AND WITH A 3-D WIN, TOOK HOME THE 1996 U.S. OPEN CUP CHAMPIONSHIP.

A 2-1 RECORD FOR AN EXPANSION TEAM AGAINST THE MORE CELEBRATED LEAGUE WAS NOTHING TO SNEEZE AT. IN 1997 THE RHINDS RECORD WAS EVENED AT 2-2 WITH A SECOND-ROUND EXIT FROM THE TOURNAMENT AS A RESULT OF A TOUGH 1-0 LOSS TO TAMPA BAY.

MIDFIELDER AND GREECE ARCADIA GRAD YOG! MCKAY HAS STARTED ALL FOUR OF THE RHINDS U.S. OPEN CUP MATCHES AGAINST THE MLS. "THE TOP TWO TEAMS IN THE A-LEAGUE MATCH UP PRETTY WELL WITH SOME OF THE MLS TEAMS. IT'S A GREAT CHANCE TO PROVE YOURSELF AGAINST WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE A HIGHER STANDARD. WE HAD GREAT SUCCESS IN OUR FIRST YEAR AND I THOUGHT WE PLAYED TAMPA BAY REAL WELL HERE LAST YEAR, NOT TO SAY WE WOULD HAVE WON, BUT IF WE HAD BEEN TOGETHER IN THE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IN 1996. I THINK WE WOULD HAVE HAD A BETTER SHOWING."

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, THE NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY METROSTARS WILL BE THE FIFTH MLS OPPONENT FOR THE RHINDS AND THE FOURTH AT FRONTIER FIELD. THE METROSTARS WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN LAST YEAR'S CUP AND ADVANCED TO THE SEMI-FINALS, HAVING DEFEATED THE A-LEAGUE'S RICHMOND KICKERS 3-D AFTER A SCORELESS FIRST HALF. THEY THEN BEAT THE LONG ISLAND ROUGH RIDERS IN THE FINAL MINUTE OF THE FIRST OVERTIME, 1-D. A 2-1 LOSS TO EVENTUAL CHAMP DALLAS ENDED THE METROSTARS HOPES FOR A TITLE.

FORMER U.S. NATIONAL TEAM STAR TONY MEDIA IS EXPECTED TO GET THE START IN THE NET FOR THE METROSTARS. HE STARTED ALL THREE NY/NJ CUP MATCHES LAST YEAR. ALEXI LALAS WAS ACQUIRED BY NY/NJ FROM NEW ENGLAND (AND WILL REPRESENT THE U.S. WORLD CUP TEAM ALONG WITH TEAMMATE TAB RAMOS). OTHER NEW PLAYERS INCLUDE COLOMBIAN JOSE ARLEY PALACIOS, ECUADORIAN MIDFIELDER WELLINGTON SANCHEZ, MIDFIELDER JIM ROONEY, FORWARD EDUARDO HURTADO AND NUMBER ONE DRAFT PICK MIKE PETKE FROM SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE. THEY JOIN RETURNING FORWARD GIOVANNI SAVARESE AND MIDFIELDER MIKE SORBER IN THE REVAMPED LINEUP. SORBER WAS AN ALTERNATE FOR THE WORLD CUP TEAM. IN ALL, THERE ARE FIVE PLAYERS ON THE CURRENT ROSTER WITH U.S. NATIONAL TEAM EXPERIENCE.

RHINOS FANS WILL RECOGNIZE METROSTARS HEAD COACH ALFONSO MONDELO AS THE FOUR-YEAR COACH OF THE A-LEAGUE'S LONG ISLAND ROUGH RIDERS. HE COMPILED AN 86-34-1 RECORD PRIOR TO JOINING HIS NEW TEAM. SINCE 1990, HIS TEAMS HAVE REACHED THE FINAL FOUR EVERY YEAR.

RHINDS COACH PAT ERCOLI ADMITTED IT'S NOT TOO TOUGH TO GET HIS PLAYERS READY TO PLAY AGAINST THE MLS TEAMS. "THAT'S WHAT IS SO NICE ABOUT IT, WHEN YOUR TEAM GETS A CHANCE TO KNOCK OFF A TEAM IN A HIGHER DIVISION, IT'S EASY TO BE MOTIVATED. THIS YEAR WE HAVE A TEAM THAT IS BETTER DEFENSIVELY THAN WE'VE EVER HAD HERE AND WE ALSO HAVE THE FIREPOWER UP FRONT THAT CAN PUT THE BALL IN THE NET. WITH THE TYPE OF TEAM WE HAVE HERE NOW, I THINK OUR CHANCES ARE BETTER THAN THEY WERE LAST YEAR."

MCKAY - "WITH THE STRONG GROUP WE HAVE HERE THIS YEAR, EVERYONE IS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SEE HOW WE MATCH UP WITH THESE TEAMS."

FUSEINI DAUDA - "WE HAVE SEVERAL GUYS ON THIS TEAM WHO CAN PLAY MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER, SO I DON'T THINK THERE IS A MAJOR DIFFERENCE THIS YEAR BETWEEN THE RHINDS AND THE MLS."

TOMMY TANNER - "I'M SURE THEY'RE NOT AS PUMPED UP TO PLAY US BECAUSE THEY THINK WE'RE IN THE SECOND DIVISION WHICH I DON'T AGREE WITH AT ALL. A LOT OF THE PLAYERS ON THIS TEAM WERE ASKED TO PLAY IN THE MLS AND DECLINED BECAUSE THEY WOULD RATHER BE IN ROCHESTER. WE'RE JUST AS GOOD AS A LOT OF THEIR TEAMS."

LENIN STEENKAMP - "WE KNOW WE HAVE A QUALITY TEAM HERE AND WHENEVER YOU GET A CHANCE TO PLAY A TEAM THAT IS SUPPOSEDLY IN THE HIGHER DIVISION, THE GUYS WANT TO SHOW THAT THERE ARE JUST AS GOOD PLAYERS IN THIS LEAGUE AS IN MLS. EVERYONE REALLY LOOKS FORWARD TO PLAYING THE BIGGER LEAGUE."

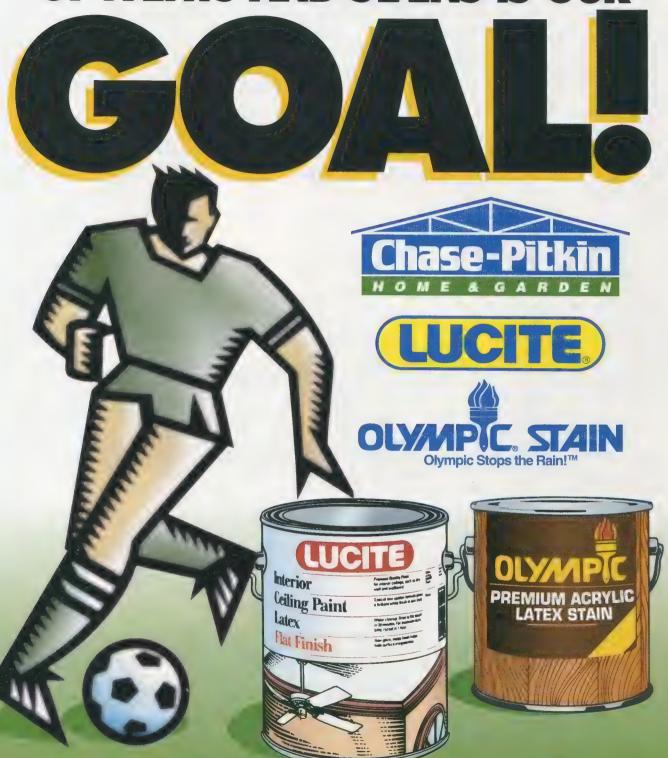
YOU CAN BET THE HOME GROWD WILL HAVE A LOT TO DO WITH THE OUTCOME OF THIS GAME. IN THREE CUP GAMES LAST YEAR, THE METROSTARS PLAYED AWAY FROM HOME IN FRONT OF A GRAND TOTAL OF 5,202 FANS. THAT'S A LITTLE MORE THAN HALF OF WHAT THE RHINDS HAVE AVERAGED AS HOSTS FOR THEIR THREE MLS GAMES. TANNER- "THE FANS GET ALL PUMPED UP AND IT JUST CARRIES ONTO US. IT ALWAYS SEEMS THAT WE HAVE A LITTLE MORE ENERGY THAN THEM AND I CAN SEE WHY."





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CHRIS MCVICKER, PRESIDENT OF THE FLANDERS GROUP, IS ONE OF THE RHINOS' BIGGEST SUPPORTERS. MCVICKER WANTED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE RHINOS' SUCCESS BOTH ON AND OFF THE FIELD - BUT IN A DIFFERENT WAY. IN CHATTING WITH RHINOS CEO STEVE DONNER, MCVICKER HAD THE IDEA OF COMMISSIONING A PIECE OF ART TO HONOR THE TEAM'S BEST PLAYER. A CLOSE FRIEND OF MS. TAYLOR, MCVICKER GAVE HER THE CHALLENGE OF SCULPTING A RHINO. NO EASY TASK, BUT MARY'S SPECIALTY IS SCULPTING NATURE AND ANIMALS, SO SHE WENT TO WORK. THE END RESULT IS AN EXQUISTER RENDITION OF A CHARGING RHINO, FULL OF POWER AND GRACE.

"THE RHIND", DISPLAYED AT ALL HOME GAMES AND IN THE TEAM'S OFFICES AT FRONTIER FIELD, WEIGHS APPROXIMATELY 50 POUNDS AND WAS CRAFTED BY HAND. A SOLID WOODEN BASE HOLDS THE NAMES OF EACH SEASON'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER, AS SELECTED BY HIS TEAMMATES. RENE RIVAS, THE TEAM'S 1996 A-LEAGUE FIRST TEAM ALL-STAR DEFENDER, WAS THE FIRST TO HAVE HIS NAME INSCRIBED ON THE TROPHY. THIS PAST SEASON, RHINDS MVP DOUG MILLER WAS HONDRED WITH A PRE-GAME PRESENTATION OF THE TROPHY AT FRONTIER FIELD. BOTH RIVAS AND MILLER RECEIVED A SMALLER RENDITION OF THE SCULPTURE TO KEEP.

THE TROPHY WAS DRIGINALLY UNVEILED ON APRIL 5, 1997 AT THE GOLDEN LYNX GALLERY IN MENDON. MCVICKER, TAYLOR, RIVAS AND FRIENDS WERE ALL THERE TO MARVEL AT THE SCULPTURE, WHICH HAS QUICKLY BECOME A UNIQUE AND IMPORTANT TRADITION IN THE HISTORY OF THE ROCHESTER RAGING RHINDS.

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LINITED SYSTEMS DE INDEPENDENT SOCCER LEAGUES AND THE AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE MERGED OCT 8 1996 TO FORM A UNIFIED DIVISION II DUTDOOR PROFESSIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION.

THUS, THE A-LEAGUE HAS BECOME THE TOP LEVEL OF PLAY IN THE USISL SYSTEM, JUST ONE STEP BELOW MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER.

THE A-LEAGUE, WHICH CON-SISTED OF 24 TEAMS IN 1997, WILL FIELD 28 TEAMS FOR THE 1998 SEASON, INCLUDING AN EXPERIMEN-TAL TEAM CONSISTING OF ENTIRELY MLS PROJECT-40 PLAYERS.

THE LEAGUE IS BROKEN GED-GRAPHICALLY INTO FOUR DIVISIONS (PACIFIC, CENTRAL, NORTHEAST, AND ATLANTIC) IN TWO CONFERENCES (WESTERN AND EASTERN). EACH DIVISION CONSISTS OF SEVEN TEAMS.

THE A-LEAGUE AND LISISI COMPETE IN THE U.S. OPEN CUP THE COUNTRYS DLDEST SOCCER TOURNAMENT. THE FIRST SIX GAMES ON THE 1998 A-LEAGUE SCHEDULE WILL BE QUALIFICATION MATCHES FOR THE OPEN CUP. EIGHT A-LEAGUE TEAMS COMPETE IN THE SECOND ROUND FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE TO THE THIRD ROUND.

A-League: Movin' On Up

WHICH INCLUDES MLS TEAMS.

EXPECT TO SEE CONSIDERABLE MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS BETWEEN THE A-LEAGUE AND MLS THIS UPCOMING SEASON AS THE LEAGUES HAVE AN AGREEMENT WHICH ENABLES LISISL PLAYERS TO BE CALLED UP TO MLS TEAMS, AND MLS PLAYERS TO BE

LOANED TO USISL TEAMS.

IN 1996. 31 USISL PLAY ERS WERE CALLED UP BY MLS TEAMS. AND 23 MLS PLAYERS WERE LOANED TO LISISI TEAMS. IN 1997, THE TREND CON-TINUED AS 26 USISL PLAYERS WERE CALLED UP TO MLS TEAMS AND 50 MLS PLAYERS WERE LDANED TO USISL TEAMS.

THE FLOOD A-LEAGUE AND USISL

WHEN 84 USISL PLAYERS WERE SELECTED IN THE MLS INAUGURAL SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT, WITH 18 MORE USISL PLAYERS SELECTED IN

MANY CURRENT MLS PLAYERS BEGAN THEIR CAREERS IN THE A-LEAGUE REFORE JOINING THE MLS. A FEW OF THESE PLAYERS INCLUDE: MARCELO BALBOA, JOHN DOYLE, BRIAN MCBRIDE, TAB RAMOS, JASON KREIS, TONY MEDLA AND ERIC WYNALDA.

> THE A-LEAGUE HAS EVOLVED INTO A MAJOR COMPONENT IN THE GROWTH OF SOCCER IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS CURRENTLY SECOND HIGHEST LEVEL OF SOCCER IN THE U.S. AND IS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN GANADA.

THE 1997 A-LEAGUE SEASON WAS A SUCCESS BOTH ON AND OFF THE FIELD AS THE MILWAUKEE TOGETHER AN UNBFLIEVABLE CHAMPIONSHIP

PLAYERS TO MLS BEGAN IN 1996 RUN AND CLAIMED THE 1997 A-LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP. RAMPAGE DEFEATED THE CAROLINA DYNAMO 2-1 IN A SHOOTOUT AT LIHLEIN SOCCER PARK IN FRONT OF AN ALL-TIME FRANCHISE AND STADI-UM RECORD CROWD OF 6,381.

ANOTHER TRADEMARK OF THE A-I FABLIE LAST SEASON AS MORE THAN ONE MILLION (1,085,777) FANS MADE THEIR WAY THROUGH THE A-LEAGUE TURNSTILES (AN AVERAGE OF 2,828 PER GAME) FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR.

THE 1998 SEASON WILL ALSO SEE A FEW NEW TEAMS COMPETING. THE HAMPTON ROADS MARINERS RETURN AFTER BEING ON HIATUS FOR A YEAR, THE NEW DRLEANS RIVERBOAT GAMBLERS WILL NOW BE CALLED THE NEW ORLEANS STORM. AND THE COLORADO FOXES HAVE MOVED TO SAN DIEGO AND WILL BE CALLED THE SAN DIEGO FLASH.

ALSO JOINING THE LEAGUE ARE FORMER D3 PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE TEAMS: SAN FRANCISCO BAY SEALS. WHO WERE GIANT KILLERS IN THE 1997 U.S. OPEN CUP, AND THE ALBUQUERQUE GECKOS, WHO WON THE 1997 D3 PRO LEAGUE CHAMPI-

MAKING THEIR WAY TO THE A-LEAGUE FROM THE PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE ARE THE CINCINNATI RIVERHAWKS. OTHER TEAMS JOINING THE LEAGUE THIS SEASON ARE THE STATEN ISLAND VIPERS AND THE MLS PROJECT-40 TEAM CALLED U.S. PRO 40 SELECT.

IT WILL BE AN EXCITING SEASON FOR THE A-LEAGUE AS 28 TEAMS WILL COMPETE FOR BOTH THE CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE 1998 U.S. OPEN CUP.



ROCHESTER'S DOUG MILLER (#19) WAS A NATURAL CHOICE FOR 1997 A-LEAGUE MVP

THE D3 PRO LEAGUE, KNOWN AS THE "USISL PRO LEAGUE" UNTIL 1997. IS A STEP UP FROM AMATEUR-LEVEL SOCCER AND THE FIRST LEVEL OF PRO SOCCER FOR MANY OF ITS PLAYERS. MANY FUTURE STARS OF THE DIVISION II A-LEAGUE AND DIVISION I MLS GET THEIR START IN THE D3 PRO LEAGUE.

AS PART OF THE INTERLEAGUE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MLS AND THE USISL, D3 PRO LEAGUE TEAMS ARE OFFICIAL AFFILIATES OF MLS CLUBS.

THE D3 PRO LEAGUE INCLUDES 39 TEAMS IN 1998 AND IS THE LARGEST OF THE USISLS THREE DUTDOOR MENS LEAGUES. TEAMS WILL PLAY 18 LEAGUE GAMES AND FOUR U.S. OPEN CUP GAMES THIS YEAR. THE SEASON BEGINS IN APRIL AND CONCLUDES WITH THE CHAM-PIONSHIP IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

D3: On Their Way To the Top

ADDED ELEMENT EXCITEMENT SURROUNDING THE D3 PRO LEAGUE IN 1998 IS THE CON-CEPT OF PROMOTION, LONG A STAN-DARD IN PROFESSIONAL LEAGUES AROUND THE WORLD. BEGINNING LAST SEASON WITH THE PROMOTION OF THE ALBUQUERQUE GECKOS, THE D3 PRO LEAGUE CHAMPION IS AUTOMATICALLY PROMOTED TO THE A-LEAGUE FOR THE NEXT SEASON, PROVIDING IT MEETS DIVISION !! CRITERIA.

THE D3 PRO LEAGUE REMAINS THE ONLY DIVISION III LEAGUE IN THE U.S. WITH 28 TEAMS IN THE DIVISION II A-LEAGUE IN 1998, THE NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL TEAMS UNDER THE USISL UMBRELLA IS THE

THE USISL FIRST WENT OUT-DOORS IN 1989, BUT IT DID NOT ADD A PROFESSIONAL DIVISION UNTIL 1995. THERE WERE 36 DIVISION III PRO LEAGUE TEAMS IN 1995, BUT THE USISL SPLIT ITS DIVISION III LEVEL INTO TWO LEAGUES FOR 1996, CREATING THE SELECT LEAGUE (21 TEAMS) AND PRO LEAGUE (27 TEAMS). ALTHOUGH

BOTH WERE SANCTIONED BY THE U.S. SOCCER FEDERATION AS DIVISION III LEAGUES, THE SELECT LEAGUE WAS CONSIDERED HIGHER TIER.

AS THE MIDDLE LEVEL OF THE MEN'S DEVELOPMENTAL STRUCTURE BETWEEN THE DIVISION II A-LEAGUE AND THE TOP-LEVEL AMATEUR LEAGUE, THE PREMIER DEVELOPMENT SOCCER LEAGUE - THE D3 PRO LEAGUE PLAYS AN INTEGRAL ROLE. AND CAN BE COMPARED TO THE CLASS AA LEVEL OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL.

A-LEAGUE OR MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER TEAMS MAY DISCOVER A D3 PRO LEAGUE PLAYER WHO IS READY TO MOVE UP: OR THE A-LEAGUE OR MLS CLUBS MAY ELECT TO SEND A PLAYER TO A D3 PRO LEAGUE TEAM FOR SEASONING, INJURY REHABILITA-TION OR TO GET VALUABLE GAME EXPERIENCE THAT THEY MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE GET AT THE DIVISION LOR

TWO D3 PRO LEAGUE TEAMS, THE ALBUQUERQUE GECKOS AND THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY SEALS, WILL JUMP TO THE A-LEAGUE

THIS SEASON TREMENDOUSLY SUCCESSFUL 1997 SEASONS.

THE SEALS WENT ON A RUN THAT WILL GO DOWN AS ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING IN U.S. OPEN CUP HISTORY BY KNOCKING OFF TWO MLS CLUBS ON THEIR WAY TO THE TOURNAMENT'S SEMI-FINAL GAME.

THE GECKOS WILL JOIN THE SEALS IN THE A-LEAGUE AFTER WIN-NING THE 1997 D3 PRO LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP WITH A 4-1 TROUNCING OF THE CHARLOTTE (N.C.) EAGLES ON THEIR HOME TURF AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SOCCER STADIUM.

THIS SEASON MARKS THE ADVANCEMENT OF TWO TEAMS FROM THE POSL (THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA MANATEES AND MIAMI BREAKERS) ALONG WITH ADDITION OF SEVERAL EXPANSION TEAMS (THE SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER LIONS, PENSACOLA BARRACUDAS, TALLAHASSEE TEMPEST, EASTERN SHORE (MD.) SHARKS, NORTHERN VIRGINIA ROYALS AND WESTERN MASS, PIONEERS), SO 1998 SHOULD BE AN INTERESTING YEAR.

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1997 Rochester Raging Rhinos Statistics

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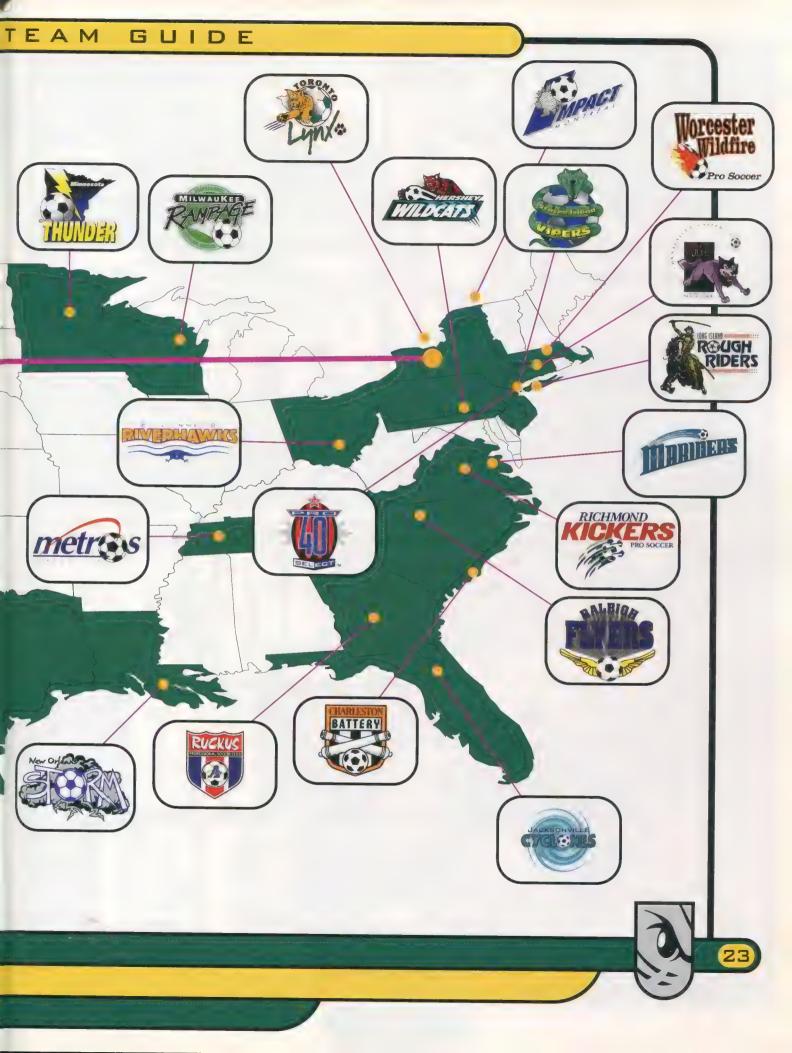
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By: Michael Schopp "I DON'T LIKE 'EM," SAID SETH MILLER, NINE, FROM GREECE. "THEY'RE THE ONLY OTHER TEAM IN THE LEAGUE I KNOW BESIDES THE RHINGS."

WHEN ROCHESTER AND THE MONTREAL IMPACT TAKE THE FIELD TOGETHER, THE TEMPO IMMEDIATELY RISES TO A FEVERED PITCH. THE RHINOS ARE ONLY IN THEIR THIRD SEASON, SO THIS RIVALRY WITH THE IMPACT ISN'T DEEP-ROOTED. BUT IT IS DEEP.

AND THE FEELINGS APPEAR TO BE MUTUAL. IN FACT, RHINOS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER STEVE DONNER BELIEVES THE IMPACT CARE EVEN LESS FOR

"THEY WATCH EVERY MOVE WE MAKE, ALL YEAR LONG," DONNER SAID. "THE RIVALRY WE IN MANAGEMENT HAVE WITH THEM IS JUST AS INTENSE AS THE GAMES ARE. THEIR OWNER IS INTENSELY COMPETITIVE, AND SO ARE WE."

THE RHINDS AND THE IMPACT ARE TWO OF THE A-LEAGUE'S WEALTHIEST FRANCHISES, AND DONNER SAYS MORE THAN A FEW TUGS-OF-WAR OVER FREE AGENTS HAVE OCCURED.

SEVERAL RHINDS HAVE THEIR OWN REASONS FOR THE GENESIS OF THE RIVALRY. FOR FORWARD DOUG MILLER, IT WAS JULY 12, 1996, WHEN THE RHINDS AND IMPACT PLAYED FRONTIER FIELD'S FIRST-EVER SPORTING EVENT.

"THAT WAS SUCH AN EXCITING DAY FOR EVERYONE BECAUSE OF THE STADIUM, AND THE WAY WE BEAT THEM GOT THE RIVALRY GOING," HE SAID. MILLER SCORED THREE GOALS AS THE RHINDS, THEN A LOWLY 2-8, RALLIED FROM A 2-O DEFICIT TO BEAT THE LEAGUE-LEADING IMPACT 3-2. THE WIN TURNED THE SEASON, AND THE FRANCHISE, ARDUND.

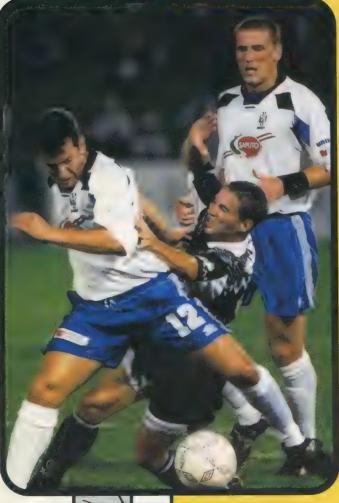
"THEY'VE BEEN A SPECIAL OPPONENT FROM THE FIRST GAME AT FRONTIER FIELD," RECALLED DONNER. "THAT WAS THE NIGHT THAT EVERYONE WENT 'POP!' FOR THE FRANCHISE. THEY WERE 'THE FRANCHISE' IN THIS LEAGUE, AND WE'VE TAKEN SOME OF THAT AWAY."

COACH PAT ERCOLI SAYS MONTREAL'S SUCCESS - THE IMPACT WON THE A-LEAGUE TITLE IN 1994 AND WERE 1995 REGULAR-SEASON CHAMPIONS - MADE THEM THE TEAM TO BEAT IMMEDIATELY.

DONNER ADDED, "THEY LOVE COMING HERE, WHICH WE HATE. THEY DON'T GET PSYCHED OUT BY THE BIG CROWD. THEY RISE TO THE OCCASION. THEY LIKE BEING THE SPOILER."

THE RHINOS ROSE TO THEIR FIRST BIG OCCASION IN THE 1996 A-LEAGUE PLAYOFFS. THEY ESCAPED MONTREAL WITH A 3-2 WIN IN GAME ONE OF THEIR BEST-OF-THREE SEMIFINAL SERIES. THE IMPACT WON GAME TWO IN ROCHESTER 3-0, BUT THE RHINOS ADVANCED WITH A DECIDING 2-1 WIN BACK IN MONTREAL.

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INTENSE

PAT ONSTAD



GOALKEEPER



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FAVORITE MOVIE: SLAP SHOT

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FAVORITE TV SHOW: ER

FAVORITE FOOD: ANYTHING HIS MOM COOKS

FAVORITE SOCCER PLAYER

(PAST OR PRESENT): EDINO

FAVORITE NON-SOCCER

PLAYING ATHLETE: WAYNE GRETZKY

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FAVORITE NON-SOCCER SPORT TO PLAY: ICE HOCKEY

FIRST JOB: SPORTING GOODS SALESMAN

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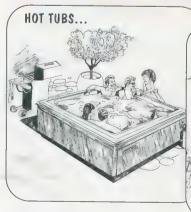
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LAW I: FIELD OF PLAY



LAW 1: BALL THE BALL IS MADE OF LEATHER OR OTHER SAFE, APPROVED MATERIAL: 27 TO 28 INCHES IN CIRCUMFERENCE, 14 TO 16 INCHES, INFLATED TO A PRESSURE OF 9.0 TO 10.5 PSI.

LAW III: NUMBER OF PLAYERS A MAXIMUM OF 11 PLAYERS ON THE FIELD FOR EACH TEAM, ONE OF WHOM MUST BE DESIGNATED AS A GOALKEEPER. UP TO TWO SUBSTITUTES MAY BE USED BY EACH TEAM.

LAW IV: PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT JERSEY, SHORTS, STOCKINGS, SHINGUARDS AND SHOES. THE GOALKEEPER'S JERSEY COLOR MUST DISTINGUISH HIM FROM OTHER PLAYERS AND THE REFEREE. A PLAYER MAY NOT WEAR ANYTHING DANGEROUS TO ANOTHER PLAYER.

LAW V: REFEREE ONE REFEREE IS APPOINTED FOR EACH MATCH. HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAWS; SERVING AS TIMEKEEPER; DISCIPLINING PLAYERS; STOPPING THE MATCH IF, IN HIS OPINION, A PLAYER HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY HURT; PREVENTING PERSONS OTHER THAN THE PLAYERS AND LINESMEN FROM ENTERING THE FIELD WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION. ALL DECISIONS BY THE REFEREE ARE FINAL.

LAW VI: LINESMEN TWO LINESMEN ARE APPOINTED TO ASSIST THE REFEREE IN CONTROLLING THE MATCH BY INDICATING OFFSIDES WHEN A BALL HAS CROSSED A TOUCHLINE AND WHICH TEAM SHOULD PUT IT BACK INTO PLAY WITH A THROW-IN; WHEN A BALL HAS CROSSED A GOAL LINE AND WHETHER IT SHOULD BE PUT BACK INTO PLAY WITH A GOAL KICK OR CORNER KICK; WHEN AN INFRACTION HAS BEEN COMMITTED; AND WHETHER A GOAL HAS BEEN SCORED FAIRLY.

LAW VII: DURATION OF THE GAMES TWO EQUAL PERIODS OF 45 MINUTES. THE REFEREE MAY EXTEND THE TIME FOR LONG OR UNUSUAL DELAYS, SUCH AS INJURY OR TIME-WASTING BY A TEAM. (NOTE: A-LEAGUE RULES CALL FOR A SUDDEN-DEATH OVERTIME PERIOD OF 15 MINUTES AND, IF NEGESSARY, A SHOOT-OUT TIEBREAKER WHEN A MATCH IS TIED AFTER 105 MINUTES OF REGULATION PLAY.)

LAW VIII: START OF PLAY THE TEAM THAT WINS THE COIN FLIP CAN EITHER CHOOSE WHICH END OF THE FIELD IT WISHES TO DEFEND OR TAKE THE KICKOFF. EACH TEAM MUST REMAIN ON ITS OWN HALF OF THE FIELD AND THE DEFENDING PLAYERS MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 10 YARDS AWAY FROM THE BALL UNTIL IT IS KICKED FORWARD AND ROLLED ITS FULL CIRCUMFERENCE. A GOAL CANNOT BE SCORED DIRECT-LY FROM KICKOFF. AFTER A GOAL, THE TEAM SCORED UPON KICKS OFF. AFTER HALFTIME THE KICKOFF IS TAKEN BY THE TEAM THAT DID NOT KICK OFF TO START THE GAME. DROP BALL: WHEN THE REFEREE STOPS PLAY FOR A REASON OTHER THAN A RULE INFRACTION OR A DELAY SUCH AS A PLAYER INJURY, HE RESTARTS PLAY BY DROPPING THE BALL WHERE THE BALL WAS WHEN THE PLAY WAS STOPPED. A DROP BALL IS NOT IN PLAY UNTIL IT HITS THE GROUND.

LAW IX: BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY THE BALL IS OUT OF PLAY WHEN (A) IT HAS COMPLETELY CROSSED THE GOAL-LINE OR TOUCHLINE, WHETHER ON THE GROUND OR IN THE AIR, OR (B) THE GAME HAS BEEN STOPPED BY THE REFEREE. THE BALL IS IN PLAY AT ALL OTHER TIMES FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END OF A HALF, INCLUDING WHEN IT REMAINS ON THE FIELD AFTER STRIKING THE REFEREE, LINESMEN, GOAL POST, CROSSBAR, OR CORNER FLAG; AND AFTER AN ASSUMED INFRINGEMENT OF THE LAWS, UNTIL THE REFEREE STOPS PLAY.

LAW X: METHOD OF SCORING A GOAL IS SCORED WHEN THE WHOLE OF THE BALL HAS PASSED OVER THE GOAL LINE, BETWEEN THE GOAL POSTS AND UNDER THE CROSSBAR WHILE IT IS LEGALLY IN PLAY.

LAW XI: OFFSIDE A PLAYER IS IN AN OFFSIDE POSITION IF HE IS NEARER TO HIS OPPONENT'S GOAL LINE THAN THE BALL, UNLESS (A) HE IS IN HIS OWN HALF OF THE FIELD OF PLAY, OR (B) THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO OF HIS OPPONENTS AS CLOSE OR CLOSES TO THEIR OWN GOAL. A PLAYER IS PENALIZED FOR BEING IN AN OFFSIDE POSITION ONLY IF, AT THE MOMENT THE BALL TOUCHES OR IS PLAYED BY A TEAMMATE, HE IS (IN THE OPINION OF THE REFEREE) (A) INTERFERING WITH PLAY WITH AN OPPONENT, OR (B) SEEKING TO GAIN AN ADVANTAGE BY BEING IN THAT POSITION. A PLAYER IS NOT DECLARED OFFSIDE BY THE REFEREE (A) MERELY BECAUSE OF HIS BEING IN AN OFFSIDE POSITION, OR (B) IF HE RECEIVES THE BALL DIRECTLY FROM A GOAL KICK, CORNER KICK OR THROW-IN, OR WHEN IT HAS BEEN DROPPED BY THE REFEREE.

WHOSE PLAYER INTENTIONALLY ATTEMPTS OR ACTUALLY KICKS, TRIPS, JUMPS AT, CHARGES VIOLENTLY, CHARGES FROM BEHIND, STRIKES OR SPITS AT, HOLDS OR PUSHES AN OPPONENT, OR HANDLES THE BALL IS PENALIZED BY A DIRECT KICK. ANY ONE OF THESE NINE OFFENSES COMMITTED IN THE PENALTY AREA BY A DEFENDER RESULTS IN THE AWARDING OF A PENALTY KICK TO THE ATTACKING TEAM. A TEAM WHOSE PLAYER COMMITS LESS FRAGRANT FOULS SUCH AS OFFSIDES, DANGEROUS PLAY OR OBSTRUCTION IS PENALIZED BY AN INDIRECT FREE KICK. THE REFEREE MAY CAUTION A PLAYER (OR OTHERS) FOR PERSISTENT MISCONDUCT, DISSENT, UNGENTLEMANLY CONDUCT

OR ENTERING THE FIELD WITHOUT PERMISSION; THE DFFENDER IS SHOWN A YELLOW CARD. THE REFEREE ALSO MAY SEND OFF (EJECT) A PLAYER (OR OTHERS) FOR VIOLENT CONDUCT AND/OR SERIOUS FOUL PLAY, FOUL OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE, OR PERSISTENT MISCONDUCT AFTER RECEIVING A CAUTION. THE PLAYER SENT OFF THE FIELD MAY NOT BE REPLACED.

FREE KICK A DIRECT FREE KICK FROM WHICH A GOAL CAN BE SCORED DIRECTLY AGAINST THE OFFENDING TEAM; AN INDIRECT FREE KICK FROM WHICH A GOAL CANNOT BE SCORED UNLESS THE BALL HAS BEEN TOUCHED BY ANOTHER PLAYER BEFORE ENTERING THE GOAL. IN BOTH CASES, THE OFFENDING TEAM'S PLAYER MUST BE AT LEAST 10 YARDS FROM THE BALL UNTIL THE BALL HAS BEEN TOUCHED, AND THE BALL MUST BE STILL, (NOTE: ALEAGUE RULES CALL FOR DEFENDERS TO STAND AT LEAST 15 YARDS FROM THE BALL ON ALL FREE KICKS.)

LAW XIV: PENALTY KICK A DIRECT FREE KICK FROM THE PENALTY SPOT. ALL PLAYERS EXCEPT THE PLAYER TAKING THE KICK AND THE OPPOSING PLAYER TAKING THE KICK AND THE OPPOSING GOAL-KEEPER MUST REMAIN DUTSIDE THE PENALTY AREA UNTIL THE BALL IS KICKED. THE DEFENDING GOAL-KEEPER MAY MOVE LATERALLY ALONG THE GOAL LINE PRIOR TO THE STRIKING OF THE BALL, BUT HE MAY NOT MOVE FORWARD UNTIL THE BALL IS STRUCK BY THE SHOOTER.

LAW XV: THROW-IN THE METHOD FOR PUTTING THE BALL BACK INTO PLAY AFTER IT HAS WHOLLY PASSED OVER THE TOUCHLINE. A PLAYER FROM THE TEAM THAT DID NOT TOUCH THE BALL LAST TAKES THE THROW-IN FROM THE POINT ON THE TOUCHLINE WHERE THE BALL EXITED THE FIELD; HE THROWS BY USING BOTH HANDS TO DELIVER THE BALL FROM BEHIND AND OVER HIS HEAD; A PART OF EACH FOOT IS EITHER ON THE TOUCHLINE OR ON THE GROUND DUTSIDE THE TOUCHLINE. AN INDIRECT FREE KICK WILL BE AWARDED IF A GOALKEEPER PICKS UP THE BALL WITH HIS HANDS AFTER RECEIVING A THROW-IN FROM A TEAMMATE.

THE METHOD FOR PUTTING
THE BALL BACK INTO PLAY
AFTER IT HAS WHOLLY CROSSED
THE GOAL LINE AFTER BEING
TOUCHED BY A PLAYER FROM
THE ATTACKING TEAM, A PLAYER
FROM THE TEAM THAT WAS
DEFENDING KICKS THE BALL
FROM HIS OWN GOAL AREA.

LAW XVII: CORNER KICK THE METHOD FOR PUTTING THE BALL BACK INTO PLAY AFTER IT HAS WHOLLY CROSSED THE GOAL LINE AFTER BEING LAST TOUGHED BY A PLAYER FROM THE DEFENDING TEAM. A PLAYER FROM THE ATTACKING TEAM KICKS THE BALL FROM THE CORNER NEAREST TO WHERE THE BALL EXITED THE FIELD.







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DR. ELIZABETH FELL KELLY SURPASSED ALL THE QUALIFICATIONS THAT THE RHINDS WERE LOOKING FOR IN A SPORTS PSYCHOLOGIST. A COLLEAGUE OF TRAINER CRAIG RAND AT MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, DR. KELLY WAS BROUGHT IN FOR THE 1998 SEASON WITH HOPES THAT SHE COULD HELP SOLIDIFY THE RHINDS — MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY. BESIDES SERVING AS THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR AT MCC FOR THE LAST 12 YEARS AND TEACHING PROFESSIONAL THEORY COURSES FOR MAJORS FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS, SHE ALSO RUNS HER OWN PRIVATE SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICE OUT OF HER HOME IN PITTSFORD. AT PERFORMANCE CONSULTANTS, DR. KELLY HAS HELPED CLIENTS RANGING FROM A FOUR-YEAR-OLD GYMNAST TO AN 87-YEAR-OLD GOLFER. SHE HAS WORKED WITH INDIVIDUAL SPORTS AND TEAM SPORTS. AND NOW SHE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF WORKING WITH COACHES ERCOLI, ODDI, AND THE REST OF THE RAGING RHINDS.

"MY PRIMARY GOAL FOR THE RHINOS IS TO HELP THEM WITH THEIR PSYCHOLOGICAL SKILLS AS ATHLETES. THINGS LIKE ANXIETY CONTROL, GOAL-SETTING, CONCENTRATION, VISUALIZATION, AND RELAXATION TRAINING. WE NEED TO FOCUS ON MAKING FEWER MENTAL MISTAKES, MINIMIZING DISTRACTIONS, AND MAINTAINING MENTAL INTENSITY — BOTH IN TERMS OF THE BEGINNING TO END OF A GAME, AND THE WHOLE SEASON," SAID KELLY. "THEY'LL BE ABLE TO CARRY THESE SKILLS ONTO THE FIELD."

AS A TEAM, KELLY AIMS TO HELP CREATE A FAMILY COMMUNITY BASED ON HONESTY, OPENNESS, AND POSITIVE COMMUNICATION. SHE HAS BEEN MEETING WITH THE ENTIRE TEAM ON A WEEKLY BASIS AND HER INPUT HAS BEEN WELCOMED AND PUT INTO PRACTICE, WITH ALL EARLY INDICATIONS POINTING TO A REDISCOVERED AND REFOCUSED SENSE OF TEAM UNITY; THIS SHOULD BE ATTRIBUTED BOTH TO HER WORK AS WELL AS THE PLAYERS' ADMISSION OF ITS IMPORTANCE.

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A-LEAGUE MEMBER SINCE: 1998

COLORS: BLUE AND WHITE

HOME FIELD: TOTTENVILLE H.S. (CAPACITY 3,000)

THE STATEN ISLAND VIPERS HOPE TO SET OFF SOME OFFENSIVE FIREWORKS ON THEIR SECOND TRIP TO FRONTIER FIELD IN 1998, THIS TIME AROUND ON THE 4TH OF JULY.

BACK ON JUNE 7, THE RHINDS DEFENSE STIFLED THE VIPERS, ALLOWING ONLY FOUR SHOTS ON GOAL. A DOUG MILLER GOAL WAS ALL THE RHINDS NEEDED TO WIN THE FIRST-EVER MATCH WITH THEIR NEWEST NORTHEAST-DIVISION RIVAL.

GOALKEEPER PETER PAPPAS (A 1997-98 NPSL ALL-STAR AND PHILADELPHIA KIXX TEAMMATE OF MALI WALTON) HAD A STRONG PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE RHINGS IN JUNE, RECORDING EIGHT SAVES. DESPITE THE VIPERS' MEDIOCRE WIN-LOSS RECORD, THIS HIGHLY TOUTED GOALKEEPER HAS MAINTAINED A SPOT AMONG THE A-LEAGUE'S BEST IN GOALS-AGAINST AVERAGE. AMONG PAPPAS' SUPPORTING DEFENSIVE CAST IS 1998 A-LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME SELECTION OMID NAMAZI, THE 1997 D3 PRO LEAGUE DEFENDER OF THE YEAR, AND JOHN DIFFLEY, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE U.S. NATIONAL TEAM.

SOME INSIDE VENDM: STATEN ISLAND HEAD COACH ADRIAN GAITAN WAS THE CAPTAIN OF THE 1995 USISL CHAMPION LONG ISLAND ROUGH RIDERS.

ATLANTA RUCKUS

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

FRIDAY, JULY 10

OWNERS: ROBERT GLUSTROM, JOHN LATHAM GENERAL MANAGER: MIKE BALSON HEAD COACH: DAVID ERISTAVI ASSISTANT COACHES: PLATON KHOUTSISHVILI A-LEAGUE A-LEAGUE MEMBER SINCE: 1995 1997 RECORD: 12-16 COLORS: RED, WHITE AND BLUE HOME FIELD: ADAMS STADIUM (CAPACITY 6,200)

ATLANTA LODKS TO CAUSE SOME RUCKUS IN THE A-LEAGUE THIS SEASON AFTER CONCLUDING THE 1997 SEASON WITH ROAD VICTORIES OVER BOTH A-LEAGUE FINALISTS, MILWAUKEE AND CAROLINA. AFTER CONDUCTING SOME HEAVY RECRUITING IN THE OFF-SEASON

AND INKING SOME YOUNG LOCAL TALENT, HOWEVER, ALL IS NOT WELL IN THE PEACH STATE FOR THE RUCKUS, WHO ARE FIRMLY ENTRENCHED IN THE ATLANTIC-DIVISION CELLAR. ONE BRIGHT SPOT FOR ATLANTA HAS BEEN THE PLAY OF 29-YEAR-OLD FORWARD MOISE 'MO' SURI, WHO LEADS THE TEAM IN GOALS AND POINTS.

THIS WILL BE ATLANTA'S FIRST TRIP TO FRONTIER FIELD SINCE 1996, AND THE RUCKUS WOULD RATHER NOT REMEMBER THEIR LAST TRIP TO THE FLOWER CITY. ON AUGUST 30, 1996, THE RHINOS EXPLODED IN AN 8-2 DRUBBING. THAT GAME ACCOUNTED FOR SEVERAL OF ROCHESTER'S SINGLE-GAME RECORDS, INCLUDING: MOST GOALS (8), LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY (6), MOST SHOTS BY ONE PLAYER (DOUG MILLER - B, THREE OF WHICH DENTED THE BACK OF THE NET), AND MOST ASSISTS BY ONE PLAYER (TOMMY TANNER - 3). THE RHINGS ARE 4-0 IN FRANCHISE HISTORY AGAINST ATLANTA (2-O AT FRONTIER FIELD), AND HAVE DUTSCORED THE RUCKUS IN THOSE MATCHES BY A COUNT OF 16-4.

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ONE OF THE PREMIER ORGANIZATIONS IN ALL OF MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER WILL MOTOR INTO FRONTIER FIELD FOR A "FRIENDLY", AND SHOWCASE SOME OF THE MOST POPULAR

AND POTENT TALENT IN AMERICAN SOCCER TODAY. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST MEETING EVER BETWEEN THE RHINOS AND THE METROSTARS, BUT THE RHINOS HAVE HAD PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE AGAINST DIVISION I FOES. OVER THE PAST TWO SEASONS, ROCHESTER IS 2-2 VERSUS TEAMS FROM THE MLS (COLORADO RAPIDS, D.C. UNITED, TAMPA BAY MUTINY TWICE) IN U.S. OPEN CUP TOURNAMENT MATCHES.

PERHAPS THE MOST FAMOUS ICON ON THE METROSTARS IS ALEXI LALAS, THE COLORFUL U.S. NATIONAL TEAM DEFENDER. HIS FELLOW NATIONAL TEAM MEMBER TAB RAMOS WILL ALSO MAKE HIS WAY TO ROCHESTER, AS WILL FORMER NATIONAL TEAM GOALKEEPER TONY MEOLA. THE BOYS FROM DOWNSTATE ALSO CARRY AN EXPLOSIVE TRIO OF SCORERS IN VENEZUELAN IMPORT GIOVANNI SAVARESE, THE NEWLY ACQUIRED EDUARDO "EL TANQUE" HURTADO, AND JIM RODNEY.

MONDELD MOMENTS: WHILE THE METROSTARS AND RHINOS HAVE NEVER PLAYED EACH OTHER, THE RHINOS SAW QUITE A BIT OF METROSTARS HEAD COACH ALFONSO MODELO LAST SEASON, AS COACH OF THE LONG ISLAND ROUGH RIDERS. MODELO'S ISLANDERS TOOK TWO OF THREE FROM ROCHESTER DURING THE REGULAR SEASON, AND THEN STOLE TWO STRAIGHT SHUTOUT WINS FROM THE RHINOS IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE 1997 A-LEAGUE PLAYOFFS.



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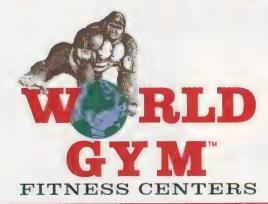




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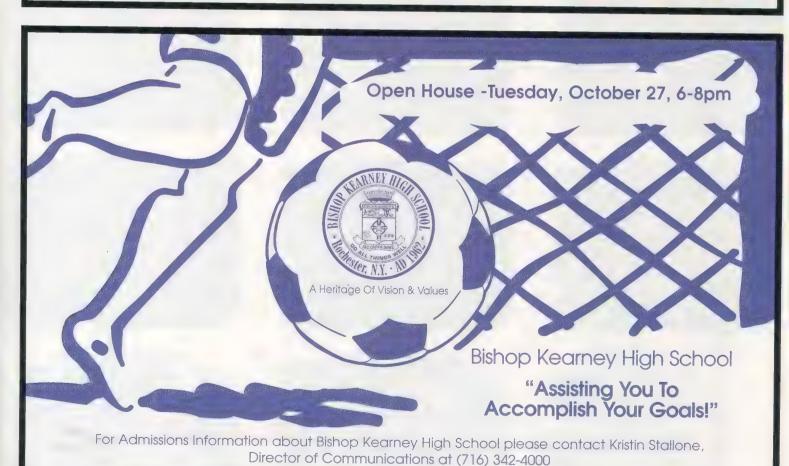




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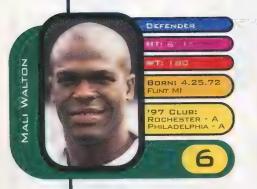
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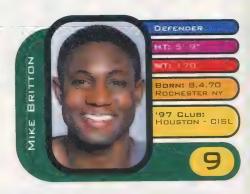


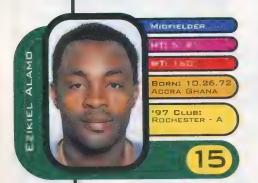


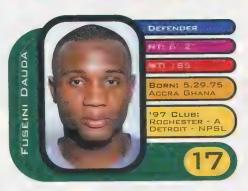






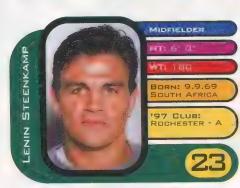














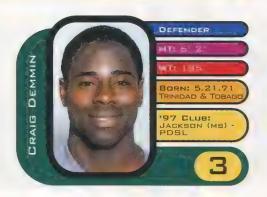


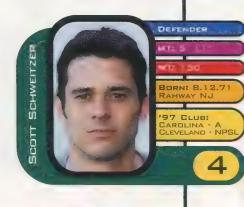


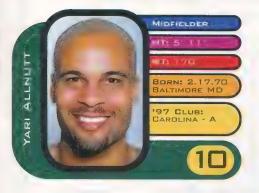


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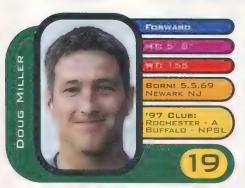


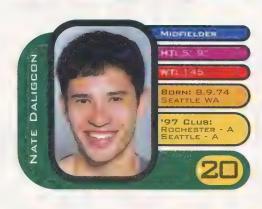




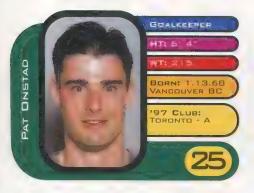




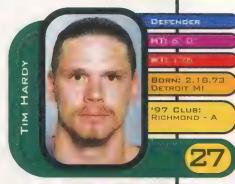


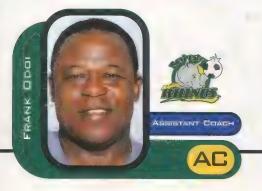
















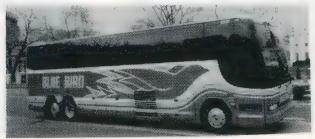


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DIR. OPERATIONS: DANIEL COUTOIS
HEAD COACH: PAUL KITSON
ASSISTANT COACH: FRANCIS MILLIEN
A-LEAGUE MEMBER SINCE: 1994
1997 RECORD: 21-7
COLORS: WHITE, BLUE AND BLACK

HOME FIELD: CLAUDE-ROBILLARD STADIUM (CAPACITY: 7,500)

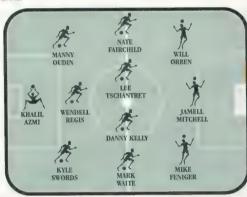
FIELD ON JULY 25. EARLIER THIS SEASON, ROCHESTER DEFEATED MONTREAL ON THE STRENGTH OF A NATE DALIGOON GOAL AT MONTREAL'S CLAUDE-ROBILLARD STADIUM. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME EVER THAT THE RHINDS HAVE WON ON MONTREAL'S HOME TURF. THE IMPACT, CONSEQUENTLY, HAVE ALSO STRUGGLED AT FRONTIER FIELD - GOING 0-3 DURING THE REGULAR SEASON, INCLUDING A 1-0 OVERTIME LOSS LAST SEASON.

LEADING THE IMPACT INTO ROCHESTER IS A FAMILIAR CAST OF ALL-STAR CHARACTERS INCLUDING GOALKEEPER PAOLO DECCARELLI, AND MIDFIELDERS MAURO BIELLO, NICK DESANTIS, AND BILL SEDGEWICK.

BOTH BIELLO AND DESANTIS HAVE CONSISTENTLY RANKED AMONG THE LEAGUE'S TOP SCORERS IN 1998, JUST A YEAR AFTER THEY BOTH POSTED A LEAGUE-HIGH 10 ASSISTS. THE A-LEAGUE'S 1997 DEFENDER OF THE YEAR, JOHN LIMINATIS, WILL BE PROWLING THROUGH MONTREAL'S END OF THE FIELD.

IN FRANCHISE HISTORY, THE RHINDS ARE 4-5 ALL-TIME AGAINST THE IMPACT DURING THE REGULAR SEASON. ROCHESTER ALSO TOOK TWO OF THREE FROM MONTREAL IN THE 1996 A-LEAGUE PLAYOFFS EN ROUTE TO THE A-LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.





HERSHEY WILDCATS

HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA

THURSDAY, JULY 30 - 7:35 P.M.

OWNERS: HERCO, INC.
PRESIDENT: JAY FEASTER
GENERAL MANAGER: TODD SMITH
HEAD COACH: BOB LILLEY
ASSISTANT COACH: MIKE CORNEY
A-LEAGUE MEMBER SINCE: 1997
1997 RECORD: 19-9
COLORS: TEAL, ORANGE AND WHITE

HOME FIELD: HERSHEYPARK STADIUM (CAPACITY: 16,000)

BOB LILLEY, THE 1997 A-LEAGUE COACH OF THE YEAR, WILL TRY TO ENSURE THAT THE WILDCATS MAINTAIN THE SAME WORK ETHIC THAT HELPED THEM POST A 19-9 RECORD IN 1997,

GODD ENDUGH FOR THE ATLANTIC DIVISION CROWN, ALL THE MORE IMPRESSIVE ABDUT THAT MARK WAS THE WILDCATS' LEAGUE-BEST 11-3 ROAD RECORD.

MIDFIELDER AND FORMER RHIND DANNY KELLY - WHO MISSED MOST OF '97 WITH A BROKEN FOOT - WAS SELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE 1998 A-LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM AND CONTINUES TO

CHALLENGE FOR THE LEAGUE LEAD IN ASSISTS. HIGH-SCORING MIDFIELDER LEE TSCHANTRET WAS ANOTHER WILDCAT SELECTED FOR THE ALL-STAR GAME.

THIS IS THE DNLY MEETING BETWEEN THESE TWO TEAMS IN 1998; THEY FACED EACH OTHER THREE TIMES IN 1997, WITH HERSHEY TAKING TWO. AMONG THE WILDCAT VICTORIES WAS A 4-2 DECISION AT FRONTIER FIELD.

A MORSEL OF INFO: THE HERSHEY WILDCATS, HOST OF THE 1998 A-LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME, GOT THEIR NICKNAME FROM THE WILDCAT WOODEN ROLLER COASTER AT THE HERSHEYPARK THEME PARK





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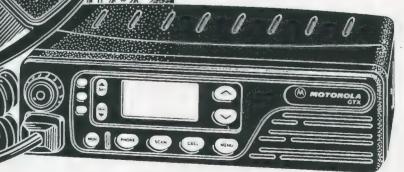
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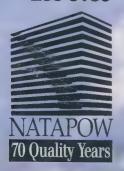
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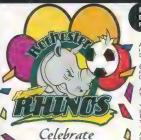


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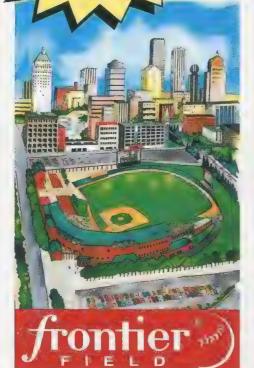
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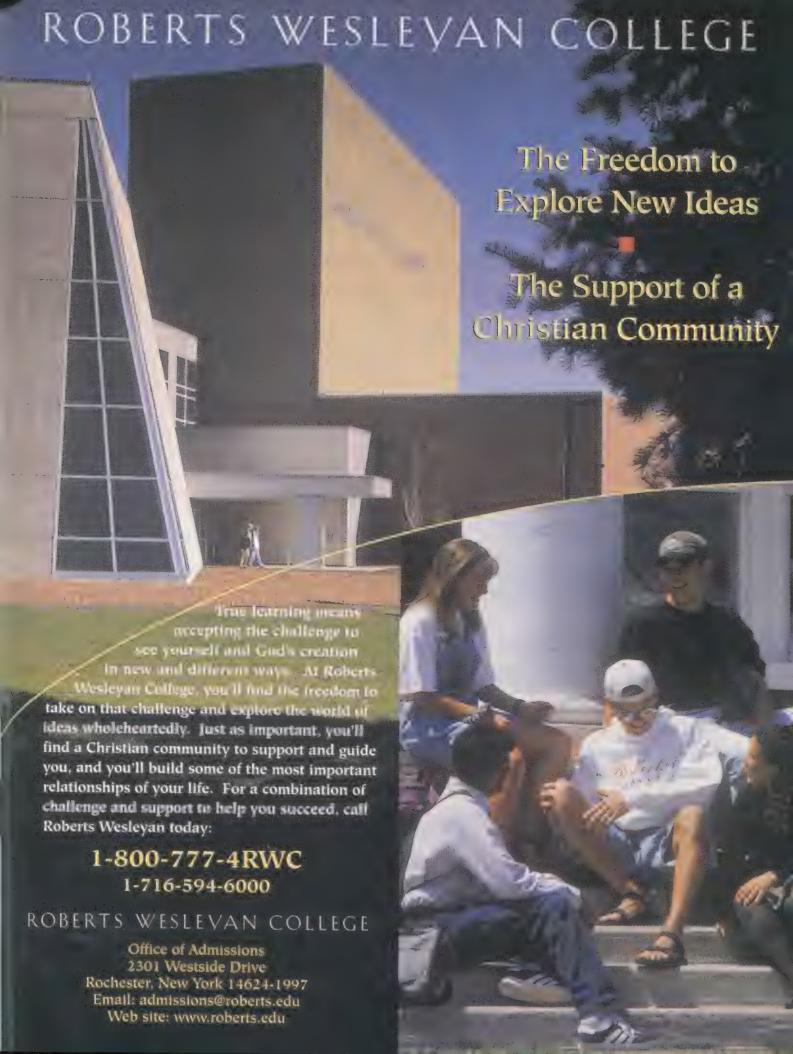
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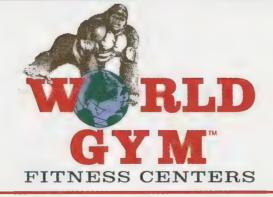
STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT NON-EXERCISING AMERICANS LOSE AT LEAST THIRTY TO FORTY PERCENT OF THEIR STRENGTH AND TEN TO TWELVE PERCENT OF THEIR MUSCLE MASS BY AGE SIXTY-FIVE. BY AGE SEVENTY-FIVE, MORE THAN ONE QUARTER OF AMERICAN MEN AND TWO THIRDS OF WOMEN ARE UNABLE LIFT OBJECTS HEAVIER THAN TEN POUNDS. RESEARCHERS BELIEVE THAT WEIGHT TRAINING MAKES MUSCLES BETTER ABLE TO HANDLE STRESS PLACED ON JOINT SURFACES. WEIGHT-BEARING RESISTANCE TRAINING MAKES BONES STRONGER BY INCREASING THEIR DENSITY. WHAT'S MORE, REVERSING MUSCLE LOSS AS A RESULT OF A SEDENTARY LIFESTYLE THAT MAKES YOU LOOK AND FEEL OLD, ALSO HELPS YOU REDUCE THE RISK OF THE THINNING BONES OF OSTEOPOROSIS. INCREASES IN MASS AND SIZE OF REMAINING MUSCLE CELLS CAN COMPENSATE FOR ONES LOST.

AS PEOPLE BECOME INACTIVE, NOT ONLY DO THEY LOSE MUSCLE AND BECOME WEAKER, BUT THEY DEVELOP A SLUGGISH METABOLIC RATE AND PUT ON INCHES OF FAT EVEN IF THEY DON'T EAT MORE. AS MUSCLE MASS DEGREASES AND THE PERCENTAGE OF BODY FAT INCREASES, ONE SLOWLY BECOMES HEAVIER. ASIDE FROM THE OBVIOUS REPERCUSSIONS OF GAINING FAT, SUCH AS LOOKING PLUMP AND FEELING SLUGGISH, THE LOSS OF MUSCLE TISSUE AND INCREASE OF FAT IS LINKED TO INCREASED RISK OF DIABETES, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND HEART DISEASE. THE METABOLIC CHANGES BROUGHT ON BY MUSCLE BUILDING CAN HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON BLOOD CHOLESTEROL WHICH MAY PROTECT AGAINST HEART DISEASE, AS WELL AS OTHER CONDITIONS FUELED BY INACTIVITY.

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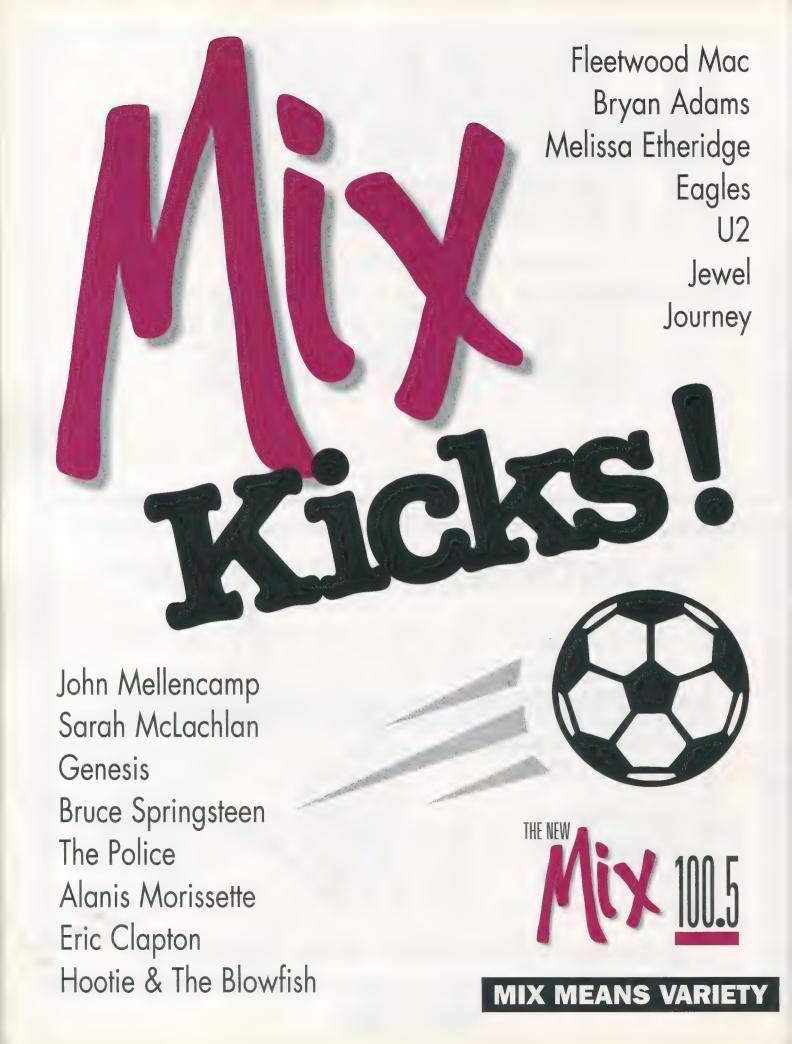
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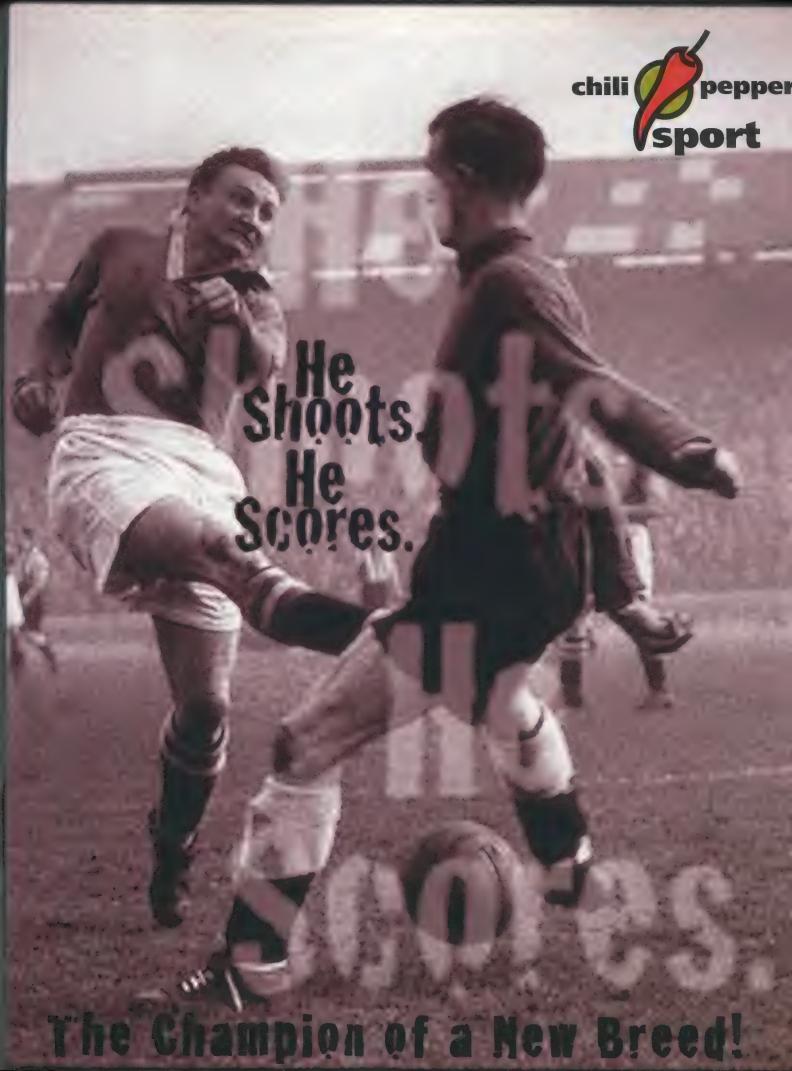
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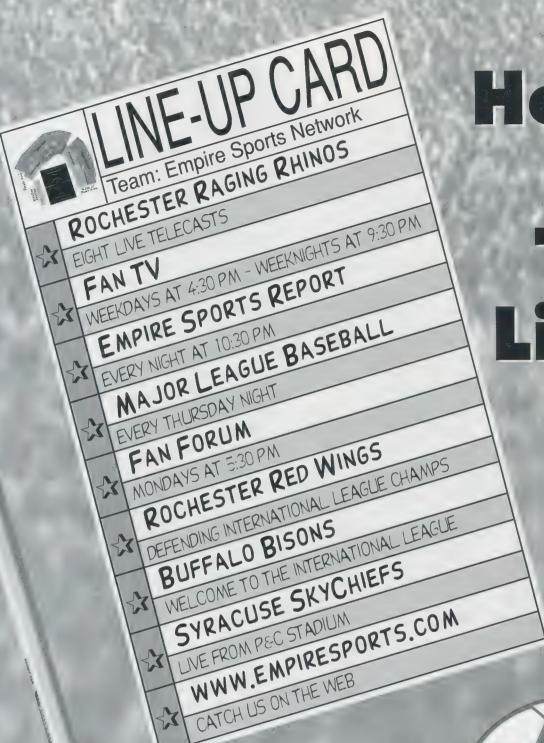
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EAUTION A DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN BY THE REF-EREE AGAINST A PLAYER (OR OTHERS) FOR PERSISTENT MISCON-DUCT, DISSENT, LINGENTLEMANLY CONDUCT OR ENTERING THE FIELD WITHOUT PERMISSION. THE OFFENDER IS SHOWN A YELLOW CARD; A SECOND OFFENSE BRINGS A RED CARD AND THE PLAYER IS EJECTED FROM THE MATCH.

GENTER A BALL PASSED FROM A WIDE POSITION ON THE FIELD INTO THE PENALTY AREA. ALSO CALLED A "CROSS."

CHIP PASS LOFTED HIGH OVER AN OPPONENT OR OPPONENTS TO A TEAMMATE.

CHARGE USE OF THE SHOULDER TO FORCE AN ATTACKER DFF-BALANCE AND GAIN POSSESSION OF THE BALL.

CLEARANCE A BALL THROWN (BY THE GOALKEEPER), KICKED OR HEADED BY THE DEFENDING TEAM AWAY FROM ITS OWN PENALTY AREA.

CORNER KICK DIRECT FREE KICK TAKEN BY AN ATTACKING PLAYER FROM THE CORNER OF THE DEFENDING TEAM'S END OF THE FIELD. A CORNER KICK IS AWARDED IF A BALL WAS LAST TOUCHED BY THE DEFENDING TEAM BEFORE GDING DYEM THE DEFENDING TEAM'S GOAL LINE (BUT NOT INTO THE GOAL).

DEFENDER PLAYER WHO ORDINARILY IS POSITIONED NEAR HIS DWN GDAL BEHIND THE MIDFIELDERS AND FORWARDS AND WHOSE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS THE PREVENTION OF THE OPPONENT FROM SCORING. ALSO CALLED "FULLBACK".

DIRECT FREE KICK USUALLY AWARDED AFTER A FOUL, THE BALL IS PLACED IN A STATIONARY POSITION AND MAY BE KICKED DIRECTLY INTO THE OPPOSITION'S GOAL WITHOUT FIRST BEING TOUCHED BY ANOTHER ATTACKER. CORNER KICKS AND PENALTY KICKS ARE ALSO DIRECT FREE KICKS.

DRIBBLE ACTION OF A PLAYER WHO ADVANCES THE BALL WITH A SERIES OF SHORT TAPS WITH THE FEET.

DROP BALL BALL DROPPED BY THE REFEREE BETWEEN TWO OPPOSING PLAYERS TO RESTART A GAME AFTER A PLAY HAS BEEN STOPPED FOR A NO-PENALTY SITUATION.

EJECTION A DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN BY A REFER-EE AGAINST A PLAYER (OR OTHERS) FOR VIOLENT CONDUCT AND/OR SERIBUS FOUL PLAY, FOUL OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE, OR PERSISTENT MISCONDUCT AFTER RECEIVING A CAUTION (YELLOW CARD). THE OFFENDER IS SHOWN A RED CARD AND SENT OFF THE FIELD. HE MAY NOT BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER PLAYER.

FIRST-TIME PASS BALL PASSED WITHOUT THE PLAYER FIRST STOPPING IT. ALSO CALLED "ONE TOUCH."

FORWARD PLAYER WHO ORDINARILY IS POSITIONED AHEAD OF THE MIDFIELDERS AND WHOSE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO CREATE AND SCORE GOALS. AN INSIDE FORWARD IS CALLED A "STRIKER."

GOALKEEPER PLAYER WHO IS POSITIONED IN HIS GOALMOUTH AND WHOSE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS THE PREVENTION OF GOALS BY THE OPPOSITION. THE GOALKEEPER MAY USE HIS HANDS WHILE HE IS IN HIS OWN PENALTY AREA, AND HIS UNFORM MUST CONTRAST WITH THOSE OF THE FIELD PLAYERS ON BOTH TEAMS.

GOAL KICK INDIRECT FREE KICK TAKEN BY A DEFENDING PLAYER FROM THE DEFENDING TEAM'S GOAL AREA. A GOAL KICK IS AWARDED WHEN A BALL WAS LAST TOUCHED BY THE ATTACKING TEAM BEFORE GOING OVER THE DEFENDING TEAM'S GOAL LINE (BUT NOT INTO THE GOAL).

BOUNCES OFF THE GROUND. KICK TAKEN JUST AS THE BALL

HAND BALL A BALL TOUCHED ILLEGALLY BY A PLAYER'S HAND OR ARM.

HEADING USE OF THE HEAD; USUALLY THE FOREHEAD AT THE HAIRLINE TO PASS, SHOOT, CLEAR OR CONTROL THE BALL.

AFTER A MINOR INFRACTION, THE BALL IS PLACED IN A STATIONARY POSITION AND MAY NOT BE KICKED DIRECTLY INTO THE OPPOSITION'S GOAL WITHOUT FIRST BEING TOUCHED BY ANOTHER ATTACKER.

KIEKOFF A BALL PLACED IN THE CENTER SPOT AT MID-FIELD AND KICKED FORWARD BY AN ATTACKING PLAYER; USED TO START THE GAME AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH HALF AND AFTER A GOAL HAS BEEN SCORED. A GOAL CANNOT BE SCORED DIRECTLY FROM A KICKOFF.

LINESMAN TWO OFFICIALS, EACH EQUIPPED WITH A FLAG, WHO ASSIST THE REFEREE FROM THE TOUCHLINES BY SIGNALING OFFSIDES, WHEN A BALL HAS GONE OUT OF BOUNDS AND WHEN A FOUL HAS BEEN COMMITTED. THE REFEREE MAY CHOOSE NOT TO ACT ON A LINEMAN'S CALL.

MARK GUARDING AN ATTACKING PLAYER.

TIONED IN FRONT OF THE DEFENDERS AND BEHIND THE FORWARDS, WHOSE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO CREATE A LINK BETWEEN THE DEFENDERS AND FORWARDS. ALSO CALLED "HALF-BACK."

NUTNEG A BALL PLAYED BY AN ATTACKING PLAYER BETWEEN THE LEGS OF A MARKER AND RETRIEVED BY THE SAME ATTACKING PLAYER.

OBSTRUCTION ACTION OF A PLAYER WHO IMPEDES AN OPPONENT BY STANDING IN OR MOVING INTO HIS PATH WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO PLAY THE BALL.

DFFSIDE POSITION OF AN ATTACKING PLAYER IF HE IS BETWEEN HIS OPPONENT'S GOAL LINE AND THE BALL WHEN THE BALL IS PLAYED UNLESS HE IS ON HIS OWN HALF OF THE FIELD OR TWO OPPONENTS ARE NO FARTHER FROM THE GOAL LINE THAN THE ATTACKING PLAYER. A PLAYER CANNOT BE OFFSIDE IF HE RECEIVES THE BALL DIRECTLY FROM A CORNER KICK, GOAL KICK, THROW-IN OR DROP BALL SITUATION.

OFFSIDE TRAP MANEUVER BY A DEFENSE WHERE-BY THE DEFENDERS MOVE TOWARD THE OPPOSING TEAM'S GOAL DURING AN ATTACK BY THE OPPOSITION TO CATCH AT LEAST ONE ATTACKER IN AN OFFSIDE POSITION.

OVERLAP AN ATTACKING RUN BY A DEFENDER THAT CARRIES HIM PAST HIS DWN MIDFIELDERS.

PENALTY KICK DIRECT FREE KICK FROM THE PENALTY SPOT AFTER A MAJOR FOUL HAS BEEN COMMITTED BY THE DEFENDING TEAM IN ITS OWN PENALTY AREA. THE OPPOSING GOAL-KEEPER MUST REMAIN STATIONARY ON HIS GOAL LINE BETWEEN THE GOAL POSTS AND ALL OTHER PLAYERS MUST BE OUTSIDE THE PENALTY AREA; THE BALL IS KICKED BY AN ATTACKING PLAYER.

OVERTIME AND PENALTY-KICK TIEBREAKER A FEATURE OF THE A-LEAGUE THAT

TEBREAKER A FEATURE OF THE A-LEAGUE THAT COMES INTO PLAY WHEN A MATCH IS TIED AFTER 90 MINUTES OF REGULATION TIME. ONE EXTRA PERIOD OF 15 MINUTES IS PLAYED; THE MATCH ENDS WHEN A GOAL IS SCORED. IF NO GOAL IS SCORED, A PENALTY-KICK TIE-BREAKER IS HELD. EACH TEAM TAKES FIVE PENALTY KICKS ON AN ALTERNATING BASIS. IF THE TEAMS REMAIN TIED, THE TEAMS ALTERNATE PENALTY KICKS UNTIL ONE TEAM SCORES AND THE OTHER FAILS TO SCORE.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES ARE TO PROTECT THE PLAYERS AND SERVE AS OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPER,

SAVE A BALL GAUGHT, DEFLECTED, OR OTHERWISE PRE-VENTED BY THE GOALKEEPER FROM GOING INTO THE GOAL.

SHIELD A DRIBBLER WHO PREVENTS AN OPPONENT FROM TAKING THE BALL BY KEEPING HIMSELF BETWEEN AN OPPONENT AND THE BALL.

SHOT THE KICKING OR HEADING OF THE BALL TOWARD THE GOAL WITH THE INTENTION OF SCORING.

SQUARE PASS A LATERAL PASS.

STOPPER A CENTRAL DEFENDER WHOSE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO MARK THE OPPOSING CENTER FORWARD OR STRIKER.

SWEEPER A DEFENDER WHO IS FREE TO ROAM IN FRONT OF AND/OR BEHIND HIS TEAM'S DEFENSIVE LINE.

TACKLE AN ATTEMPT TO DISPOSSESS AN ATTACKER OF THE BALL. A COMMON TACKLE IS THE SLIDE TACKLE, WHICH INVOLVES A SLIDING ATTEMPT TO KICK AWAY THE BALL.

THROUGH PASS PASS THAT TRAVELS TOWARD THE GOAL BETWEEN TWO OR MORE DEFENDERS TO A TEAMMATE, PUTTING HIM IN A POSITION TO SCORE.

THROW—IN A THROW EXECUTED BY AN ATTACKING PLAYER FROM OUTSIDE THE TOUCHLINE. A THROW-IN IS AWARDED AGAINST THE TEAM THAT LAST TOUCHED THE BALL BEFORE IT CROSSED A TOUCHLINE. THE PLAYER TAKING THE THROW-IN MUST THOUTHOW THE BALL ONTO THE FIELD OVER HIS HEAD USING BOTH HANDS; HE MUST ALSO KEEP BOTH FEET ON THE GROUND EITHER OUTSIDE OR ON THE TOUCHLINE.

TRAP The use of the foot, thigh, chest, etc., by a player to bring a ball under control.

VOLLEY KICK TAKEN BEFORE A BALL BOUNCES ON THE GROUND.

WALL A LINE OF THREE OR MORE PLAYERS POSITIONED AT LEAST TEN YARDS FROM THE BALL; USED TO HELP DEFEND AGAINST A FREE KICK.

WALL PASS PASS IN WHICH AN ATTACKER SENDS
THE BALL TO A TEAMMATE (THE "WALL") WHO IMMEDIATELY PLAYS
THE BALL BACK TO THE ATTACKER WHO HAS TO RUN TO AN OPEN
SPACE. ALSO CALLED "GIVE AND GO" OR "ONE-TWO."

WING AREA OF THE FIELD NEAR THE TOUCHLINES.

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IMPACT RIVALRY

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"THAT PLAYOFF SERIES MADE THEM RESPECT US," MIDFIELDER YOGI MCKAY SAID.

"BOTH TEAMS RESPECT EACH OTHER NOW, AFTER A COUPLE OF YEARS AGAINST EACH OTHER," TANNER SAID. "IT'S BEEN A LOT OF THE SAME GUYS ON BOTH SIDES SINCE WE GOT HERE IN '96. PLUS, BOTH TEAMS ARE HUNGRY, BECAUSE BOTH TEAMS HAVEN'T WON ANYTHING YET."

THE RHINDS' 1996 CHAMPIONSHIP QUEST WAS DERAILED IN THE FINAL AGAINST SEATTLE. LAST SEASON, THE IMPACT CHARGED TO A DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP, WHILE THE RHINDS MADE A LATE SURGE TO AVOID MEETING MONTREAL IN THE FIRST-ROUND SERIES.

THE IMPACT ELIMINATED TORONTO IN THE FIRST ROUND AND WAITED FOR THE RHINOS. THEY NEVER SHOWED, HOWEVER, BOWING TO LONG ISLAND TWO GAMES TO ONE. PERHAPS MONTREAL WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT ITS

RIVAL CANCELLED; THE IMPACT FELL TO LONG ISLAND, AS WELL.

ERCOLI HAS HAD HIS SHARE OF RUN-INS WITH OFFICIALS IN MONTREAL. THE IMPACT BEAT THE RHINOS 6-1 LAST SEASON IN A MATCH AND ERCOLI WAS RED-CARDED FOR ARGUING CALLS. THIS PAST JUNE 14, BEFORE THE RHINOS CAME ON TO WIN THE MATCH 1-O, HISTORY REPEATED ITSELF AS ERCOLI WAS TOSSED AGAIN.

"YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO CONTEND WITH THAT UP THERE - EVERY TEAM DOES," ERCOLI SAID BEFORE THE '98 TRIP TO MONTREAL. "IT WAS EVEN WORSE WHEN VALERIO (GOZZOLA) WAS THE COACH. (CURRENT COACH) PAUL KITSON AND I PLAYED TOGETHER, SO I DON'T KNOW IF IT'LL BE AS INTENSE. BUT THEY ALWAYS GET SOME HOMETOWN CALLS."

THE RHINOS AND IMPACT ARE ARGUABLY THE STRONGEST TEAMS IN THE A-LEAGUE THIS SEASON. IN FACT, THE MEETING JUNE 14 WOULD HAVE BEEN MIGHTIER HAD MONTREAL NOT LOST ITS FIRST GAME THE WEEK PRIOR; THE RHINOS ENTERED THE MATCH UNDEFEATED.

"I DON'T CARE IF THEY'RE 9-AND-O OR O-AND-9," SAID RHINOS GENERAL MANAGER CHRIS ECONOMIDES BEFORE THE JUNE 14 GAME. "I'D STILL WANT TO BEAT THEM MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE."

JOHN LIMNIATIS
MONTREAL IMPACT
1997 A-LEAGUE
DEFENDER OF THE YEAR



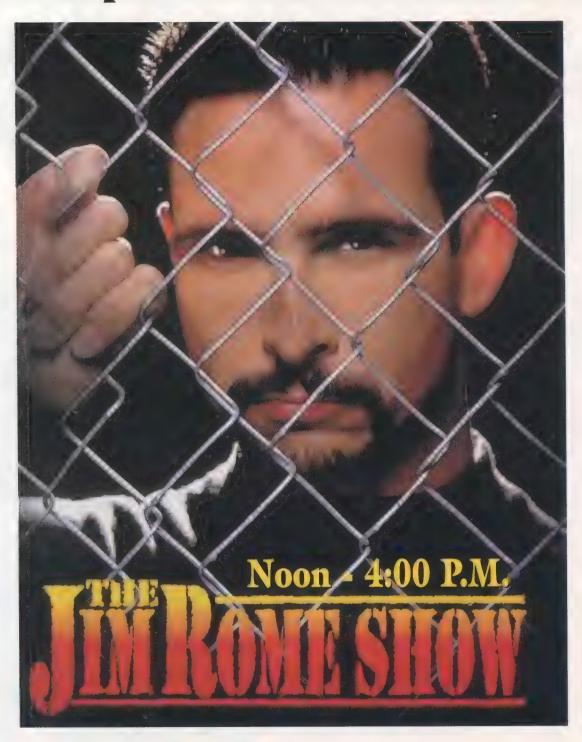
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BOTH TEAMS ARE HUNGRY



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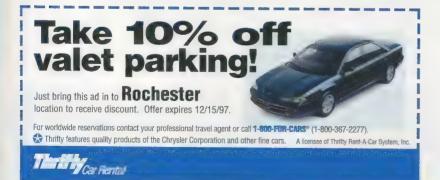






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COMMUNITY

WDKX And The Rhinos Are Teaming Up



MIKE BRITTON WITH "WAKE-UP CLUB MEMBER MIKE PAZ"

ANDREW A. LANGSTON, OWNER OF ROCHESTER RADIO STATION WDKX-FM 103.9, IS A FIRM BELIEVER THAT SPORTS HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON YOUTH. THAT'S WHY HE IS AN AVID SUPPORTER OF THE ROCHESTER RAGING RHINOS PROFESSIONAL SOCCER TEAM, AND WHY WDKX AND THE RHINOS HAVE TEAMED UP TO MAKE THE GAME OF SOCCER AVAILABLE TO ALL KIDS IN THE CITY OF ROCHESTER.

"THE RHINDS ARE IMPORTANT IN THE COMMUNITY," SHARED LANGSTON.

"IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE PLAYERS NOT ONLY SHARE THEIR SOCCER SKILLS AND
TALENT WITH THE KIDS, BUT ALSO THEIR PRIDRITIES AND PHILOSOPHY ON HOW
TO REACH GOALS IN LIFE. LIKE OUR ON-AIR TALENT AT WDKX, THE MAJORITY OF
THE RHINDS PLAYERS HAVE GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE. TO GO OUT INTO
THE ROCHESTER COMMUNITY AND SHARE THESE EXPERIENCES WILL MAKE A
DIFFERENCE."

AN IMPORTANT AVENUE THAT THE 1998 RHINDS HAVE BEEN USING TO HELP SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES HAS BEEN WDKX ITSELF. IN FACT, EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING FROM 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., YARI ALLNUTT AND MIKE BRITTON HAVE JOINED WDKX WAKE-UP CLUB MEMBERS TODD ANDERSON AND MIKE

PAZ IN THE WDKX STUDIOS. THE TWO RHINOS COVER A WHOLE GAMBIT OF TOPICS, RANGING FROM TRIVIA TO THEIR BACKGROUNDS TO ISSUES IN SOCCER TO THE EXCITEMENT AT FRONTIER FIELD. BUT MOST OF ALL, THEY'RE JUST HAVING A FUN TIME.

"We're in the studio for an hour each week with Todd and Mike Just Talking and Playing Tunes," described Britton, a native of Rochester, and graduate of Syracuse University. "Listeners call in and ask questions, and we have a good time answering them."

On one show, a caller was looking for some clarification on soccer's red and yellow card system. Britton spent a few moments explaining what justifies a caution (yellow) or ejection (red), and how it relates to both the Rhinos season and the World Cup. After listening to Britton's explanation, Anderson replied, "They need to have cards like that in basketball. A yellow card, a red card, and a 'Rodman' card."

FOR BRITTON, ALSO A GRADUATE OF EAST HIGH SCHOOL, THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE WDKX FAMILY FOR AN HOUR A WEEK HAS OTHER BENEFITS AS WELL. "IN ROCHESTER, SOCCER'S POPULARITY IS MOSTLY BASED IN THE SUBURBS, BUT IT IS GROWING IN THE CITY ITSELF. THIS HOUR GIVES ME A GREAT CHANCE TO TRY AND SHARE SOME OF MY EXCITEMENT FOR THE GAME WITH A GROUP THAT'S REALLY STARTED TO GET INTO SOCCER, BY EITHER SEEING THE WORLD CUP MATCHES OR THE RHINOS ON THE NEWS."

EACH WEEK, ALLNUTT AND BRITTON ALSO GIVE OUT A SOCCER TIP - A SOUNDBYTE OF ADVICE TO HELP TEACH AN ASPECT OF THE GAME. THESE TIPS ALSO HAVE A VISUAL COUNTERPART, SPONSORED BY WDKX AND FOODLINK - SO FAR THIS SEASON, FANS AT RHINOS MATCHES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE PAT ONSTAD TALK ABOUT GOALKEEPER POSITIONING, TOMMY TANNER DEMONSTRATE THE BASIC TECHNIQUES BEHIND PASSING AND TRAPPING, AND BRITTON SHOW HOW TO PROPERLY HEAD THE BALL. THESE PLAYER TIPS ARE SHOWN ON FRONTIER FIELD'S VIDEO SCOREBOARD DURING EACH AND EVERY RHINOS HOME MATCH.

AS PART OF THE RHINOS-WOKX PARTNERSHIP, THE "COACH'S CORNER" IS ALSO GOING STRONG AT ALL HOME MATCHES. THIS PROGRAM IS A JOINT EFFORT TO BRING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO A RHINOS GAME BY GIVING AWAY 25 TICKETS PER MATCH. "IT'S A CHANCE TO BRING ENTIRE FAMILIES TOGETHER TO ENJOY A GAME IN A NICE SETTING AT FRONTIER FIELD," SAID LANGSTON. "IT KEEPS THE KIDS OFF THE STREET AND EXPOSES THEM TO THE SPORT OF SOCCER AND THE PLAYERS, WHO HOPEFULLY CAN SHOW THEM THAT HARD WORK AND DILIGENCE POINTS THE WAY TO SUCCESS."

THE ROCHESTER RAGING RHINDS AND WDKX ARE TEAMING UP TO MAKE THE GAME OF SOCCER FUN AND EXCITING, AND WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE THE ROCHESTER COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.



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AND FORMER COLLEGE PLAYERS.

GROWTH AND SUCCESS OF THE

W-LEAGUE SINCE ITS INCEPTION

IN 1994, THE LEAGUE HAS SPLIT

INTO TWO DIVISIONS FOR 1998:

A 15-TEAM W-1, OR ELITE, DIVI-

WITH THE OFF-SEASON SIGN-

SION AND A 17-TEAM W-2

ING OF SUPERSTAR MICHELLE

AKERS AND MANY OTHER ILS

THE LEVEL OF PLAY AND THE

NOTORIETY OF THE W-LEAGUE

NATIONAL TEAM PLAYERS, BOTH

HAVE INCREASED DRAMATICALLY.

DIVISION.

DUE TO THE TREMENDOUS

IN CITIES BIG AND SMALL ACROSS NORTH AMERICA, YOUNGSTERS DREAM OF PLAYING IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES OF PROFESSIONAL SPORTS. A FORTUNATE FEW WILL REALIZE THAT DREAM, BUT IN MOST CASES ONLY AFTER A LONG JOURNEY THROUGH THE YOUTH, HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE RANKS.

FOR DECADES, BASEBALL PLAYERS HAVE BEEN STARTING THEIR PROFESSIONAL CAREERS IN SMALL TOWNS ALL ACROSS THE CONTINENT AS THEY WORK THEIR WAY THROUGH THE SYSTEM OF MAJOR LEAGUE AFFILIATES ON A PATH TOWARD THE "BIG SHOW." JUST AS MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL HAS ITS OWN SYSTEM OF LEAGUES ACROSS THE USA, SO DOES THE USISL.

THE UNITED SYSTEMS OF INDEPENDENT SOCCER LEAGUES, FOUNDED IN 1986, PROVIDES THE STARTING POINT FOR PLAYERS WORKING TOWARD MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER, THE TOP PROFESSIONAL, OR DIVISION I, LEVEL IN THE UNITED STATES.

DEVELOPING HOMETOWN
HEROES INTO THE NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL SOCCER STARS OF
TOMORROW IS WHAT THE USISL
IS ALL ABOUT.

PICTURE THE VARIOUS LEV-ELS OF SOCCER IN THE U.S. AS AN ASCENDING PYRAMID, WITH MLS AT THE APEX. THE PYRAMID'S ENTIRE SUPPORT STRUCTURE IS THE USISL.

WITH 132 ADULT OUTDOOR TEAMS IN FOUR SEPARATE LEAGUES AND 140 TEAMS IN ALL. THE USISL IS THE SECOND LARGEST DREANIZA TION OF SPORTS LEAGUES IN THE U.S., TRAILING DNLY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUES,

A 155-TEAM MINUR-

LEAGUE SYSTEM.

THE A-LEAGUE, PRO SOCCER'S DIVISION II IN THE U.S. WHICH INCLUDES THREE TEAMS IN CANADA, IS JUST BELOW MLS ON THE PYRAMID.

EXPANDED FROM 24 TEAMS TO 28 TEAMS IN 1998, THE A-LEAGUE IS THE HOME TO DOZENS OF RISING STARS WHO COULD GO ON TO STAR IN MLS, PLAY ABROAD AND EVENTUALLY WEAR THEIR NATION'S COLORS IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.

AS PART OF THE USISL'S
RELATIONSHIP WITH MLS, THE
28TH TEAM IN THE A-LEAGUE
WILL BE COMPRISED ENTIRELY OF
PROJECT-40 PLAYERS FROM THE

MLS RANKS THAT WILL TRAVEL FROM TOWN TO TOWN TO PLAY EACH A-LEAGUE TEAM DURING THE SEASON.

THE USISL'S DIVISION III
PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE IS ONE
STEP BELOW THE A-LEAGUE AND,
AS ITS NAME IMPLIES, IS CLASSIFIED AS A DIVISION III LEAGUE.
WITH 39 TEAMS SET TO COMPETE
IN 1998, THE D3 PRO LEAGUE
IS OFTEN THE FIRST STEP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCCER FOR MOST
PLAYERS. SIMILAR TO A-LEAGUE
TEAMS, D3 TEAMS ARE
OFFICIAL AFFILIATES OF
MLS CLUBS.

THE USISL'S THE I-LEAGUE IS CUR-PREMIER DEVELOPMENT RENTLY IN THE MIDDLE OF SOCCER LEAGUE ITS 12TH SEASON, THE (PDSL) IS ONE LEVEL I-LEAGUE, A REGIONAL BELOW THE D3 PRO LEAGUE MADE UP OF LEAGUE AND IS FIVE TEAMS, SERVES THE TOP AS AN OUTLET FOR NATIONAL USISL PLAYERS IN AMATELIA THE WINTER LEAGUE IN MONTHS. THE U.S. THE FIELDING Y-LEAGUE, DIVISION HSISI's NEWEST PPO-JECT.

SET TO
LAUNCH IN 1998 WITH
TWO AGE GROUPS FOR BOYS,
WITH MORE ON THE WAY, THE
PROGRAM IS INTENDED TO

EXPAND ACROSS THE NATION

OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS .

"FOR THE FIRST TIME IN
NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER
HISTORY, WE NOW HAVE IN PLACE
UNDER ONE ROOF- USISL, INC. A SYSTEM REPRESENTING ALL
LEVELS OF SOCCER," SAID
USISL, INC. PRESIDENT
FRANCISCO MARCOS, WHO
FOUNDED USISL 12 YEARS
AGO.

THE USISL FIRST WENT
OUTDOORS IN 1989, BUT
INDOOR MEMBERS STILL OUTNUMBERED THE OUTDOOR TEAMS 18-

17 IN 1991. THE NUMBER OF OUTDOOR TEAMS FIRST SUR-PASSED THE INDOOR TEAMS IN 1992, WHEN THERE WERE 21 OUTDOOR CLUBS.

A GROWTH EXPLOSION
FOLLOWED, WITH 43 OUTDOOR
TEAMS IN 1993, 72 IN 1994,
96 IN 1995 (SPLIT INTO PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR DIVISIONS FOR MEN AND ADDING
THE FIRST FULL SEASON OF THE
W-LEAGUE FOR WOMEN), 106
TEAMS IN 1996 (WHEN THERE
WERE THREE MEN'S OUTDOOR
LEAGUES) AND 125 TEAMS
FOR 1997

MORE THAN ONE MILLION PERSONS ATTENDED USISL GAMES IN EACH OF THE PAST THREE YEARS, PART OF A GROWING LEGION OF FANS WHO KNOW WHERE TO FIND TOMORROW'S SOCCER STARS TODAY.

UMBRD, THE INTERNATIONAL SOCCER COMPANY BORN IN 1924, IS THE PROUD SPONSOR AND OFFICIAL SUPPLIER OF ALL USISL LEAGUES. UMBRD WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING TOGETHER THE USISL AND THE A-LEAGUE FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL MERGER BETWEEN THE 1996 AND 1997 SEASONS.

UMBRO HAS THROUGH THE YEARS BUILT A STRONG REPUTATION AS THE LEADING "GRASS-ROOTS" SPONSOR OF THE AMERICAN GAME.

OF THE USISL, UMBRO IS ALSO
COMMITTED TO TOP YOUTH
CLUBS, REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS, COLLEGE TEAMS,
AS WELL AS THE WORLD'S
LARGEST SOCCER
COACHES DRGANIZATION IN THE UNITED
STATES

ALONG WITH THEIR SUPPORT

UMBRO'S
VAST KNOWLEDGE OF THE
EQUIPMENT
NEEDS OF
SOCGER
PLAYERS,

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MENT TO

EXCELLENCE, AND ITS DEDI-CATION TO PRODUCING THE VERY BEST SOCCER PRODUCTS, ARE MAJOR FACTORS IN THE COMPA-NY'S EMERGENCE AS A COMPLETE SOCCER RESOURCE AND THE NO. 1 SOCCER APPAREL COMPANY IN THE UNITED STATES.

TOGETHER, USISL AND UMBRO ARE BUILDING A LEGACY.



TEAMS IN 1998, THE PDSL DFFERS PLAYERS A CHANCE TO COMPETE IN A NATIONAL LEAGU

COMPETE IN A NATIONAL LEAGUE WHILE MAINTAINING THEIR COLLEGIATE ELIGIBILITY.

THE USISL ALSO OPERATES A WOMEN'S LEAGUE, THE W-LEAGUE, AN INDOOR MEN'S LEAGUE, THE I-LEAGUE, AND IS LAUNCHING A YOUTH LEAGUE, THE Y-LEAGUE, THIS YEAR.

THE 32-TEAM W-LEAGUE,
THE ONLY NATIONAL ADULT
SOCCER LEAGUE FOR WOMEN,
REPRESENTS THE HIGHEST LEVEL
OF COMPETITIVE WOMEN'S SOCCER IN THE UNITED STATES AND
INCLUDES BOTH CURRENT



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4	HENRY GUTIERREZ	16	HENRY GUTIERREZ
4	HECTOR MARINARO	15	HECTOR MARINARO
4	RENE RIVAS	12	RENE RIVAS
4	PAUL YOUNG	10	KOFI DEBRAH
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		8	PAUL YOUNG

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7	HECTOR MARINARO	38	LENIN STEENKAMP
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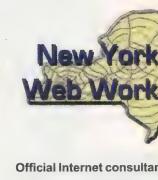
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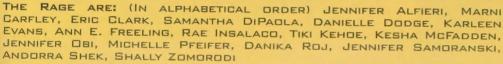
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LUCY VAN ORDEN CHOREOGRAPHER

THIS FORMER COACH OF THE ROCHESTER FLASH CHEERLEADERS JOINS THE RAGE THIS SUMMER AS THE NEW CHOREOGRAPHER, AND HER LIST OF CREDENTIALS IS AN IMPRESSIVE ONE. LUCY VAN ORDEN IS THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE DANGEARAMA, WHICH SHE ALSO OWNED FOR 15 YEARS. SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE DANCE MASTERS AND DANCE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA, AND IS A CERTIFIED AEROBICS INSTRUCTOR. SHE IS CURRENTLY ALSO THE CHOREOGRAPHER OF THE FOCUS INTERNATIONAL TALENT AND MODEL AGENCY AND ALL OF THEIR ROCHESTER-AREA MALL FASHION SHOWS.

IN ADDITION, MS. VAN ORDEN IS A FACULTY MEMBER AT THE ROCHESTER AGADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. ALL IN ALL, SHE HAS TAUGHT DANCE FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND MANY OF HER STUDENTS HAVE WON SCHOLARSHIPS TO DANCE COLLEGES AND POSITIONS WITH MANY MAJOR DANCE COMPANIES. HER STUDENTS HAVE ALSO WON MAJOR DANCE AND PAGEANT TITLES ON A NATIONAL LEVEL.

VAN ORDEN AND HER HUSBAND FRED FOUNDED AND CO-DIRECTED THE NEW YORK DANCE OLYMPICS. TOGETHER AS A TEAM, THEY HAVE PERFORMED AND APPEARED IN TELEVISION COMMERCIALS AND ON THE POPULAR PROGRAM "DANCE FEVER."



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CAPTAIN TON



By: Robert McClaine QUINTESSENTIAL TOMMY TANNER IS THE AGGRESSIVE, HARD-WORKING MIDFIELDER OF THE ROCHESTER RAGING RHINDS SOCCER TEAM. IN HIS THIRD SEASON FOR THE RHINDS, THE SYRACUSE NATIVE HAS AMASSED THE MOST ASSISTS IN RAGING RHINDS HISTORY, A STATISTIC THAT MEANS A LOT TO HIM AND HIS TEAMMATES. BUT ASSISTING WAS NOT ALWAYS THE CASE FOR TANNER, THE MAN WHO HAS BEEN DUBBED "CAPTAIN TOM" BY THE PLAYERS' GALLERY OF AFFECTIONATE MOCKERY.

TANNER BEGAN HIS SOCCER DAYS AS A PURE SCORER. HE CARRIED HIS SCORING SKILLS OVER TO BOTH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE. AT HENNIGER HIGH SCHOOL IN SYRACUSE, TANNER WAS HONDRED AS A TWO-TIME PARADE MAGAZINE ALL-AMERICAN IN ADDITION TO BEING NAMED AN ALL-NEW YORK STATE SELECTION FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE SEASONS. THIS LED TO A FULL SCHOLARSHIP FROM NORTH CAROLINA STATE OF THE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE. AT N.C. STATE, TANNER WAS NAMED TO THE ALL-ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE TEAM TWICE. HIS SCORING EXPLOITS HELPED LEAD THE WOLFPACK (A TEAM WHICH INCLUDED RHINDS DEFENDER SCOTT SCHWEITZER, FORMER RHIND HENRY GUTIERREZ, AND D.C. UNITED FORWARD ROY LASSITER) TO AN NCAA FINAL FOUR APPEARANCE IN HIS SENIOR SEASON; THAT SAME SEASON, TANNER WAS ALSO NAMED THE TEAM'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER.

TANNER'S SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF THE CLEVELAND CRUNCH, AND THE INDOOR NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE CLUB DRAFTED HIM IN THE SECOND ROUND OF THE COLLEGE DRAFT. IN 1991-92, HIS FIRST SEASON WITH THE CRUNCH, HE EARNED ROOKIE OF THE YEAR HONORS AFTER SCORING EIGHT GOALS AND DISHING OUT 10 ASSISTS IN 29 GAMES.

DURING TANNER'S SEVEN-YEAR PROFESSIONAL CAREER, HE'S BEEN TO "THE DANCE" ON TWO OCCASIONS, WINNING ONE CHAMPIONSHIP AS A MEMBER OF THE 1995-96 NPSL CHAMPIONS CLEVELAND CRUNCH. HIS EXPERIENCE CARRIED OVER TO THE OUTDOOR GAME WITH THE RHINOS AND HE ANCHORED THE MIDFIELD FOR ROCHESTER WHEN THEY REACHED THE A-LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP AGAINST THE SEATTLE SOUNDERS IN 1996.

WITH AN IMPRESSIVE SOCCER RESUME, IT WAS NO SURPRISE THAT THE RAGING RHINDS UNANIMOUSLY SELECTED TANNER AS THE 1998 TEAM CAPTAIN. "I DON'T THINK THERE WAS ANYONE ON THE TEAM THAT DIDN'T VOTE FOR TOMMY," SAID DEFENDER SCOTT SCHWEITZER. "He'S BEEN HERE FOR THREE YEARS. He'S ONE OF THE OLDEST AND ONE OF THE MOST MATURE."

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN HIS PROFESSIONAL CAREER THAT TANNER HAS BEEN GIVEN THE CAPTAIN'S DUTIES, AND HE RELISHES THE OPPORTUNITY. "WEARING THE CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND LIFTS YOUR CONFIDENCE WHEN YOU'RE PLAYING AND YOU GO OUT THERE AND PLAY HARD AND TRY TO SET AN EXAMPLE. THAT IS WHAT I TRY TO DO."

IT'S NOT ONLY THE PLAYERS THAT BELIEVE THAT HE IS BEST SUITED FOR THE CAPTAIN'S JOB, THE COACH FEELS THE SAME WAY. "TOMMY IS ONE OF THE MOST CONSISTENT PLAYERS THAT WE HAVE," OFFERED HEAD COACH PAT ERCOLI. "HE HAS A GREAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH BOTH THE PLAYERS AND THE COACHES AND HE HAS ALSO BEEN AROUND SUCCESSFUL TEAMS. SO, HE KNOWS WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A CHAMPION."

WITH THE TITLE, HOWEVER, COMES ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. ONE OF THE NEW DUTIES IS TO PLAY THE MEDIATOR'S ROLE BETWEEN THE PLAYERS AND THE COACHING STAFF. THROUGH THE FIRST HALF OF THE SEASON, THE CAPTAIN HAS NOT HAD TO DO MUCH MEDIATING. "RIGHT NOW, EVERYONE IS A BIT MORE RELAXED WITH BOTH THE TEAM'S WINNING WAYS AND THE COVERAGE OF THE WORLD CUP," SAYS ERCOLI. "IN GENERAL, ALL 22 PLAYERS ARE HAVING FUN RIGHT NOW AND THAT HAS LEAD TO OUR SUCCESS. I THINK THE BIGGEST TASK HE'S HAD TO FACE IS ALL OF THE OTHER PLAYERS BUSTING HIS CHOPS."

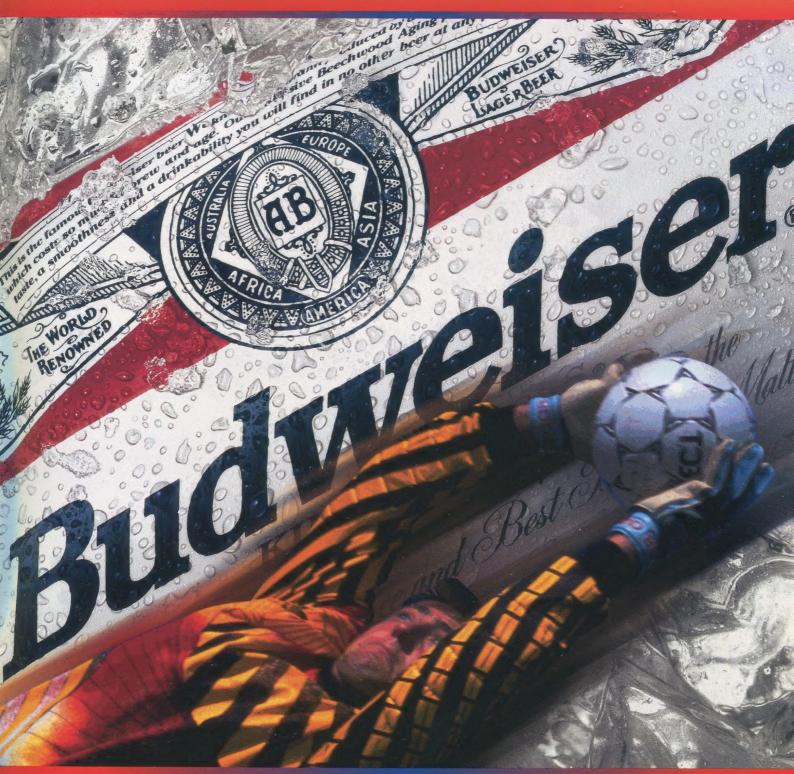
"THE PLAYERS ARE ALWAYS RIBBING ME, BUT IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME," ADDED TANNER. "I'M A FIERCE CAPTAIN AND I ALWAYS WORK TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR THE TEAM." SOUNDS JUST ABOUT RIGHT FOR CAPTAIN TOM.





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